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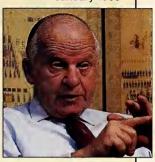
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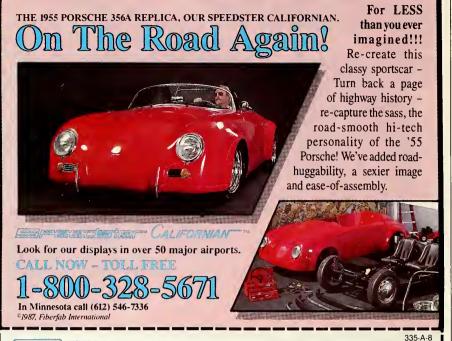


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# LETTERS

# **War Casualties**

I just read "Women Were Casualties, Too" (November).

If you look closely at the "Three Fighting Men" statue in the mall in Washington, D.C., you will notice that the three men are looking at the same spot. It would be very nice if they were looking at the woman's statue, and if she were the same scale and looking back at them.

Whenever I saw an American woman in Vietnam, it reminded me of home and peace.

Jesse Figi Jr. Syracuse, N.Y.

**Contra Support** 

Your outstanding October issue states the truth about the communist government of Nicaragua, and its threat to America and its neighbors. It should be required reading for every congress-

man and citizen. Please don't ever let up your vital concern about freedom in Nicaragua and Central America—the communists won't.

> Peter Yurica Tilaran, Costa Rica

It has always been my impression that The American Legion was founded to assist veterans of all wars with problems that might arise from their service in the defense of the United States of America. In comparison to its push for Contra aid, what is The American Legion doing about the systematic erosion of benefits for the service-connected disabled veteran? Not a lot!

Richard M. Silva Edina, Minn.

We can win the Nicaraguan people over to freely chosen democracy by ending the trade embargo and helping the country with all kinds of critical needs instead of supporting the Contras. But they may never vote for a democracy if we try to force a Contrarun government on them.

Charles D. Reich Shaftsbury, Vt.

# **Prince Of Clowns**

Your "Prince of Clowns" article in November reminded me of my tour of duty at the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center, Camp Roberts, Calif., in late 1944. Red Skelton did his 14 weeks of basic training in my unit, and he was the consummate entertainer. During every break in the training, Red would entertain. In addition, he regularly recruited his associates in Hollywood to entertain at the post theater on weekends.

Tom Byrnes Jr. Bristol, R.I.

What a great article! I thoroughly enjoyed reading about Red Skelton. He is one of my all-time-favorite comedians, and he never has to use four-letter words to get a laugh.

Ido L. Turri Cheektowaga, N.Y.

# 'Little People Need Your Help'



Current crime statistics warn us that about 83 percent of American children under the age of 12 will be sex victims or targets at least once in their lives, that one of every 12 women will be a vic-

tim or an intended victim of rape, and that one of every 133 Americans will be murdered.

"If violence against Americans by Americans is our way of life today, it's time we changed that way of life," said John Walsh, president of the Adam Walsh Child Resource Center in Florida.

Walsh, who travels the country to stump for stronger laws protecting women and children from the ravages of crime, praised American Legion posts and departments for lobbying state legislatures for laws to prevent the exploitation and sexual abuse of women and children, particularly children.

"The real battle to protect our children must be waged on the state level," Walsh said. "The quality of the lives of our children vary from state to state. Some states are good; some states are bad. There still are 15 states that do not have laws protecting children."

Walsh said some states are beginning to register sex offenders. California, for example, has 64,000 registered sex offenders, which permits law-enforcement agencies to keep track of them. "The little people out there are counting on us to help them."

Many children will get the kind of help they need, thanks to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation fund drive that kicks off this month. (See story, page 31.)

"We need \$1 million to help develop and sustain programs that promote the wholesome development of children and youths, and that protect them from alcoholism, drugs, sex abuse and other such ills," said Nat'l Cmdr. John P. "Jake" Comer. "And we're counting on you to do what is right to help America's children."

As Comer put it: "America's children may not be 100 percent of our population, but they are 100 percent of our future." Your contributions to the CWF will help ensure a healthy and wholesome future for our children. Please help. Please give what you can.

The Editors

# Communism

I can hardly compliment and congratulate you adequately on the article "The Lie of Communism" (November).

To me, the philosophy of Ayn Rand is not simply a castigation of communism, although it certainly is that. It is a penetrating critique of the social, welfare-type programs of which we seem to have more each week.

J. Arthur Curtiss Lincoln, Neb.

This excellent story lays bare a remarkable resemblance to the direction in which our nation has begun to move since World War II. It should be required reading for our Senate and Congress.

Royal R. Redmond New Port Richey, Fla.

# **Minimum Wage**

Should we raise the minimum wage (November)? I say no. These high

wages are killing the farmers. We can't even buy our own American-made tractors because of high labor costs.

> Oliver Hagg Salina, Kan

Sen. Ted Kennedy labels raising the minimum wage "the single most important anti-poverty step we can take," despite the fact that Richard L. Lesher, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, notes that every 10 percent increase in the minimum wage results in a 1 percent increase in unemployment.

Daniel John Sobieski Chicago, Ill.

# **Homework Blues**

Oh, wow! Secretary of Education William J. Bennett's (November) Quote of the Month: "We found out that children who do homework learn more than children who don't do homework. We spent \$100,000 to learn that, so I hope you appreciate it."

I sense a bit of sarcasm (I hope) there. Doesn't Bennett realize that the "we" and the "you" in his statement are the same people? It is no wonder that Bennett has trouble understanding the problems of education in this great country, as he is part of the problem. We certainly don't need hundreds of thousands of dollars spent on such simple, foolish studies as he mentioned.

George Peters Bowman, N.D.

It's Gospel

"If you want to know more about it, read THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE." That's what our sergeant major here at the U.S. Soldiers' & Airmen's Home said. We in the home have the time to thrash through and bring out issues. No wonder the magazine is read and reread. Other comments we hear are: "It was in THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, wasn't it?" "Boy, oh boy! If it's in THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, it must be true." Your magazine is an authority piece.

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# HELP US MAKE A BETTER WORLD FOR OUR CHILDREN

RECENTLY returned from my second journey to Central America in less than six months. I made the trip to assess progress toward peace in that troubled region, and to try to understand what the future may hold for Nicaragua under the Sandinistas. My report will appear in the March issue.

But for now, as the holiday season comes to a close and we begin the important work of a new year, I must share with you an impression that has lingered with me since my return.

Every nation that hopes to survive and prosper in the 21st century can pin such hopes only on its young. It is essential for every nation to instill its values and beliefs in its children; it is equally essential for every nation to protect its young from anything that would impede the transfer of responsibility from one generation to the next. To those who rule in totalitarian states, that means emphasis on the former; to us, it means equal emphasis on both.

I have seen, firsthand, how the Sandinista government in Nicaragua imposes its values and beliefs on its young people. From textbooks that teach grade-school children arithmetic by adding and subtracting weapons of war, to the relentless flow of youths sent to Eastern Europe for a communist education, I have seen the Sandinistas' commitment to a future secured by Marxist indoctrination and a belief in the inevitability of war. But I also have seen the poverty, disease and despair that characterize the day-to-day existence of most Nicaraguan children. I have come to believe that the government's commitment to their well-being is limited, cynical and contingent only on its own

I thank God that such is not the case in our country, and I thank God for the concern and generosity the men and



Nat'l Cmdr. John P. "Jake" Comer

women of The American Legion and Auxiliary have demonstrated over the years. We have a long history of commitment to young Americans. We have been generous in our support, forwardlooking in our planning and comprehensive in our establishment of programs. Our concerns on behalf of children and youths go beyond nurturing traditional values and instilling democratic ideals. We have taken it upon ourselves to protect our young people from abuse and exploitation, to assist in the eradication of diseases that rob our children of their very lives, and to provide the educational opportunities that can help them realize their potentials. We can be very



proud of what we have accomplished. But much more remains to be done.

As your National Commander, I have pledged to America's youths a commitment to their welfare. In accepting my responsibility in San Antonio a few months ago, I set the goal of raising \$1 million for The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. With that money in hand, the foundation can continue to fund the research and education programs that are so vital to our youths.

Children do not make up 100 percent of our population, but they make up 100 percent of our future. You can help us make a better future for them by sending your contribution to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation today.

You can help ensure that funds always will be available for the important programs that the foundation supports. A special section in this issue (p. 31) outlines the tremendous work of the foundation and describes its accomplishments. Although it has been in business for more than 33 years, its work is just beginning. Indeed, so long as there are children to serve, its work never can be finished.

Take the enclosed self-addressed envelope, and send \$10, \$15 or whatever you can afford. I'm counting on your support. I know that America's veterans will come through for America's children.

When we ourselves were young, we donned uniforms and took up arms so that our children, and our children's children, might be spared the tyranny and deprivation that come with the loss of freedom. Around the world — indeed, in our own hemisphere — other sons and daughters are not so fortunate. Let us, by our example and our continued unselfishness, set a new standard by which the world judges one generation's commitment to the next.

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# **NATO Crisis**

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The raging debate over the reduction of intermediate-range nuclear missiles, and short- and long-range missiles as well, has raised the specter of Europe being overwhelmed by superior Soviet tanks and conventional forces. Western allies are unhappy about such a possibility.

Meanwhile, some Americans want the United States to bring all or some of our 300,000 soldiers back from West Germany and other countries on the Continent. Other voices in Europe—especially in Spain, Greece and Portugal—are loudly demanding that "Yankees Go Home."

# **Operation 'Flipper'**

Out of its array of secret weapons, the Pentagon has shipped dolphins to the Persian Gulf, where they are participating in Navy mine-sweeping operations.

The Pentagon has acknowledged that five of the cetacean mammals, trained for underwater surveillance and detection, were requested by Navy commanders in the gulf. Informed sources said the dolphins have been taught simply to find the mines, not to explode them.

Along with its many electronic-weapon developments, the Navy has been conducting research on dolphins, porpoises, whales and seals for the past 25 years. The findings are deepsea secrets.

# Where The Men Are

Census Bureau statistics generally are dry, but there's a hint of romantic possibilities in the agency's 1986 population estimates.

According to the bureau, women who are seeking spouses will find men to spare out West. Men outnumber women in Alaska, Hawaii, North Dakota, Wyoming and Nevada. In Idaho, the sexes are evenly matched.

In all 50 states, the males of the species are in the majority up to age 18; from age 19 to 44, the females predominate in more than half of the states. At age 65 and over, the women exceed the men everywhere in the United States except Alaska.

The oldest population resides in Florida, where the median age is 36, compared with 31.7 for the nation as a whole. The youngest citizens live in Utah, where the median age is 25.5.

# **Students Fail Past**

Every schoolchild knows that George Washington led the American forces in the Revolutionary War. Right? No—many don't. Two-thirds of our 17-year-olds are unable to place the Civil War within the correct half-century; more can't identify the Magna Carta. Most never heard of Dante and Chaucer, or of Whitman and Melville. For all too many

students in our public schools, our historic and cultural pasts have died out. Such is the conclusion of a National Endowment for the Humanities study.

"The culprit is our educational process," the report concludes, "the belief that we can teach our children how to think without troubling them to learn anything worth thinking about; the belief that we can teach them how to understand the world in which they live without conveying to them the events and ideas that have brought it into existence."

# **Another Susan?**

Here we go again—several lawmakers on Capitol Hill are trying to persuade their colleagues to give up greenbacks for one-dollar coins. A bill that would replace the paper dollar with a metal one has been introduced in the House.

Supporters believe that the new coin will be welcomed because of the increasing demands of vending and fare machines.

The U.S. Treasury issued the Susan B. Anthony dollar coin in 1979, but it failed to gain popularity with the public. Among the reasons given for its demise was that the dollar coin was too often confused with a quarter and that \$1 bills continued to be issued in competition with the coin dollars.

Backers note that other countries, including Canada, already successfully use dollar coins. The Canadian coin, for example, is gold-color.

# **Day Care For Elderly**

Looking beyond catastrophic health coverage, Congress is considering developing day-care centers for the elderly as an extension of the nation's Medicare program.

Supported by more than 90 members of the House and a bloc of senators, legislation in both chambers is aimed at providing a variety of services that would keep senior citizens at home, and out of hospitals and nursing homes.

"We cannot afford to wait," said Sen. John Melcher of Montana, a sponsor of the measure.

Our aging population is already moving into the octogenarian range, and one of every five octogenarians requires considerable help. Among all aged, it is estimated that 4.6 million already are functionally impaired and need help if they are not to be consigned to institutional care. Today, there are about 1,300 adult-day-care centers operating around the country. Thousands more are needed.

Proponents of the legislation maintain that the day-care centers would not only lower Medicare costs in the long run, but also would provide for kinder, more-effective treatment of sick and disabled older Americans.

# **Quote Of The Month**

"The members of the armed forces have been compelled to make greater economic sacrifices, and every other kind of sacrifice, than the rest of us, and are entitled to definite action to take care of their special needs."

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# SHOULD CONGRESS MOVE TO RESTORE THE DRAFT?

#### Rep. Robert G. Torricelli, D-N.J.

At a congressional hearing several years ago, I asked Defense Secretary
Caspar Weinberger about legislation I was proposing that would institute a system of universal national service, including a military component. Weinberger replied that the volunteer Army was just fine and that any consideration of wider military



service was unnecessary. When I asked whether his conclusion was based on a review of costs and benefits, he said that no review was available.

I don't believe we can close off options that easily. Military strength isn't measured by spending, but by procurement and the quality of personnel. While total military spending in the United States and the Soviet Union might be comparable, we spend more than 40 percent of our defense budget on personnel, while the Soviets dedicate less than 10 percent.

The options for dealing with military personnel requirements are limited. In the era of tight budgets, defense spending will not enjoy the rapid growth that it did at the beginning of the decade. Another issue is demographics. The Census Bureau predicts that by 1995, the number of American youths between the ages of 18 and 24 will have declined nearly 20 percent from the 1985 level.

I believe that one answer to this challenge is universal national service. Legislation I've prepared would require every American between the ages of 18 and 25 to give one year of service to the nation in either the Peace Corps, the Job Corps, the Coast Guard or the armed forces.

The ability of this generation to borrow and spend the national wealth may be limited, but our people represent a reservoir of talent that we haven't begun to apply.

This nation and its latest generation need to be challenged. National service builds communities and offers young people the chance to grow, contribute and belong. It's a simple concept: There are both opportunities and obligations in American life.

The question remains less whether the young will respond to the challenge than whether our leaders will have the courage, confidence and wisdom to offer it. This generation

has failed so far. National service is an opportunity to renew our bonds with the community, and to establish a time when all of us can help build and strengthen our nation.

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#### Rep. Frank Horton, R-N.Y.



At first glance, the concept of mandatory national service seems to be a good one. It evokes images of patriotism, duty to country and working for the benefit of your fellow Americans. But in giving the idea closer scrutiny, I believe that mandatory national service is costly and unnecessary make-work that is not in the

best interests of either our country or its people.

Mandatory service would severely disrupt the lives of young men and women at a time when they must make critical decisions about their futures. The work they would do, much of which currently is handled by public employees or volunteers, would be artificially created merely for the sake of adding millions of "workers." And if any exceptions to the program are made, there arises a clear possibility of favoritism, creating an inequitable and unfair situation similar to the draft of the 1960s and early 1970s.

As for the military, let us not be deceived. With the advanced technology of today's armed forces, we need well-trained, well-educated and well-equipped forces. Today's all-volunteer armed forces offer a credible first line of defense for our nation.

Supporters of national programs said they believe that such a policy would instill a sense of patriotism in young Americans. We need not enact a program that would cost billions of dollars each year just to engender a national pride that already exists. When needed, America's youths have responded quickly, responsibly and effectively. I know that fact from personal experience. I was called to duty in World War II, and I fought with other young Americans in both North Africa and Italy.

In America today, 84 million Americans age 13 and over volunteer each year for non-profit organizations and neighborhood groups, not because they have to, but because they want to. It is this spirit of volunteering and compassion that makes America — and American citizens — leaders in the world.

The case for mandatory national service remains inconclusive and uncompelling. Such a program would be divisive,

controversial, cumbersome, costly, ineffective and not in anyone's best interest. We can take pride in the record of America's youths. They will respond if their service is needed, as always.

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# How Congress Authorized Prayer

# THE MEANING OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT

Our Founding Fathers' actions seem to contradict the Supreme Court's interpretation of the First Amendment that prohibits school prayer.

# By M. Stanton Evans

EPARATION of church and state under the First Amendment has become a pervasive theme of our political debates and legal controversies.

This was, for instance, a major issue in the wrangle over Daniel Manion, who

had the temerity to support a bill in the Indiana legislature permitting the posting of the Ten Commandments in the schools. It was the gravamen of the Louisiana creation-evolution case settled by the Supreme Court. It is the source of loud alarm concerning the involvement of the "Christian right" in politics.

The common thread of these and countless other disputes concerning prayer in the schools, Christmas scenes in public settings, treatment of religion in textbooks, etc., is the notion that the First Amendment to the Constitution bars any kind of official support for religious observance. Such is the meaning now routinely accorded to the amendment's opening assertion that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion..."

We owe this reading of the matter primarily to the Earl Warren Supreme Court of the early 1960s, which decided that the amendment prohibited prayer and Bible reading in the public schools, because these would allegedly constitute an "establishment of religion," and because the 14th Amendment adopted after the Civil War supposedly "incorporated" this prohibition into the restric-

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VISIONARY — James Madison voiced concern over the amendment's clarity.

tions then applied against the states.

A generation after the prayer rulings were handed down, this construction is accepted as common wisdom.

What makes this truly remarkable is that there is not one scintilla of evidence in the constitutional record to support it. By historical standards, the founding era of our republic is not especially remote. We have a substantial documentary record of the era, fully accessible to the courts and commentators; we know the legal and religious practices of the time; and we have the statements and actions of the people who wrote and ratified the First Amendment.

In particular, we have the proceedings of the first Congress, in which James Madison supported the Bill of Rights and explained his reasons for doing so (which were, in essence, that his constituents, agitated by Patrick

Henry, were demanding it). Members debated the meaning of the language, and the legislators indicated by their contemporaneous actions what it did and didn't prohibit. This record makes it crystal clear that the current view of the matter is utterly without foundation.

Thus, to take the most startling case in point, the House of Representatives, with Madison acting as floor manager, passed what was to become the First Amendment (then designated as the Third) on Sept. 24, 1789—accepting conference modifications of language originally proposed by Fisher Ames. The *very next day*, it passed a resolution calling for a national day of prayer and thanksgiving—which is the legal origin of our current holiday. The language of this resolution reads, in full:

"Resolved, that a joint committee of both houses be directed to wait upon the President of the United States to request that he recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging, with grateful hearts, the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a Constitution of government for their safety and happiness."

This resolution is doubly significant since it not only called for a national day of prayer, but also used language about the "signal favors of Almighty God" that, under current readings, is supposedly barred by the First Amendment. (Indeed, this language is virtually identical to that in the non-denominational regents' prayer in New York State, struck down by the Supreme Court in 1962.)

Obviously, if the very people who wrote and adopted the First Amendment immediately turned around and voted for official sponsorship of prayer, it is an absurdity to argue that the amendment bars such sponsorship. The amendment, instead, was supposed to prevent (1) the creation of a national established church, like that in England and those in several of the states, and (2) the possibility that the newly created government would interfere with the religious customs of the states (which included all kinds of support for religion).

The colloquy on the floor concerning all of this was fairly extensive, as Madison responded to his colleagues that the amendment might interfere with state religious practices, that it could be

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# ROTC COMES MARCHING BACK

By Oliver Starr Jr.

N THE night of May 3, 1970, a fire broke out in the Air Force ROTC Quonset hut at Washington University in St. Louis. Hundreds of students gathered to watch it burn. When firemen arrived, the students pelted them with stones.

"Let it burn! Let it burn!" shouted the students as they tried to block the firemen's access to the blaze.

This disgraceful episode underscored the depths to which ROTC fell on many campuses across the nation in the bleak Vietnam War days. It was so bad that hardly anyone wore his uniform on campus. Those who enrolled in ROTC were under constant siege from the anti-war factions.

A dramatic change has taken place since that distressing era. ROTC is riding high again, not only at Washington University, but also at more than 1,000 campuses across the nation. Enrollment

Oliver Starr Jr., a former editor for a large metropolitan daily newspaper, is a free-lance journalist from Webster Groves, Mo. in Army, Air Force and Navy ROTC units has doubled since the 1973-74 school year. For example, enrollment in Army ROTC has climbed from 33,200 in the 1973-74 school year to 61,487 in 1985-86.

But numbers don't tell the full story. The quality of ROTC officers may be more important.

"Young men and women being commissioned by the ROTC are almost always unfailingly high-quality people," said William D. Clark, principal deputy of Manpower and Reserve Affairs for the Army. He said ROTC officers have performed so well in battle and have won so many promotions that they comprise the majority of senior leaders in the U.S. Armed Forces today.

HE pendulum has swung so far on campus that there are now as many as five applicants for every available ROTC scholarship.

Also impressed with the new attitude toward ROTC is Lt. Col. Larry Bates, a twice-wounded Vietnam veteran who earned the Silver Star and Bronze Star while serving as a company commander in the 8th Infantry.

"Students have recognized ROTC as a highly honored profession," said Bates, who commands the ROTC GateLEGION SUPPORT—In 1986, Legion posts awarded more than 7,000 medals to high-school and college ROTC cadets for military and scholastic excellence.

way Battalion of St. Louis. "The fact that it is so competitive implies its prestige, honor and value."

ROTC is even reappearing on campuses where some thought it might never return. After an absence of 17 years, it came back to George Washington University in the nation's capital. With the Navy band playing "Anchors Aweigh," 73 midshipmen marched in dress uniforms for the commissioning of the new George Washington unit as other students and faculty members applauded.

Much of this resurgence stems from good old-fashioned patriotism. Young men and women are no longer afraid to show their patriotism and have lost their fear of anti-ROTC types, many of whom were draft-dodgers during the Vietnam War.

Economic advantages also rank high among the reasons for choosing ROTC. Twenty-thousand students currently hold two-, three- and four-year ROTC scholarships, which pay virtually all college expenses, except room and board. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of grades, leadership, physical fitness and academic proficiency in such fields as engineering, advanced electronics, laser technology, computer programming, the physical sciences and nursing.

In the four-year Army ROTC program, the basic course taken during the first two years includes such subjects as customs, traditions and organizations of the service, military science, history of warfare, and leadership development. The advanced course taken during the final two years covers instruction in management, tactics, ethics and professionalism, and further leadership development. Cadets spend about five hours a week in the classroom or drilling; uniforms also are worn to classes, and short haircuts are the rule.

The value of a four-year scholarship can easily exceed \$45,000. At St. Louis' Washington University, for example, the annual ROTC tuition allotment is \$10,500. Textbooks and \$100 a month in spending money are provided. Non-scholarship students receive no aid as freshmen or sophomores but get a \$1,000 annual subsistence allowance as juniors and seniors, and are paid for summer training.

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# HOW TO BUY A USED CAR

You don't have to be a mechanic to ensure the car you buy is not a lemon. Here are some tips that may help you find a real cream puff.

# By Paul Martin and Dennis O'Brien

HE prospects for buying a good used car have never been brighter, as thousands of Americans taking advantage of low new-car interest rates have flooded the market with quality trade-ins.

Despite the plethora, consumers are advised to exercise the usual caution when buying used cars. The federal government has increased its efforts to punish disreputable used-car dealers, but the best protection still is a little knowledge and taking the time to check out the car before you buy it.

Before going near a lot, decide generally what kind of car you need, and more important, what you don't need. Most people probably should not consider highly modified cars, especially those in which the engine has been swapped for one from a different make. Other cars to avoid are those with high-performance or turbine engines and older foreign luxury cars that are expensive to maintain. Imported "orphans" no longer sold in the United States are also poor choices, as is any foreign car if you live far from a dealer who services them.

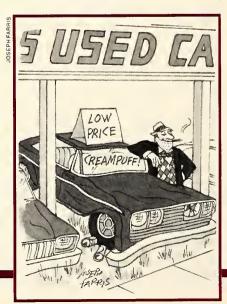
To familiarize yourself with prices, there are a number of guides listing prices of U.S. and foreign models. The bank or lending institution where you will finance the vehicle loan also can help you check prices.

Dan Jedlicka, auto editor of the

Paul Martin, a World War II Navy pilot, and Dennis O'Brien, a public relations executive, are veteran magazine writers based in Chicago. Chicago Sun-Times, said the most reliable and up-to-date prices are in your newspaper. "A careful review of auto classified ads will give you a pretty good idea of the retail price range of specific models in your area," he said. "Classified ads also reflect regional differences in popularity and price."

When you find a car that interests you, how do you know it's not a lemon? First, disregard the odometer reading because odometers are easily set back and, although there are laws against such tampering, infractions are hard to spot.

Jim Gorzelany, senior editor of *Consumers Digest*, said a buyer should "suspect the odometer reading if the numbers, especially the first two, do not line up perfectly, or if there are gaps between the number dials." If possible, get service records from the owner. They will show how the car was maintained and give some indication of mileage.



Another good indication of mileage is the wear on the driver's armrest and a sagging front seat. Jedlicka said to look for a badly worn, or brand-new, foot pedal. Tires also indicate mileage. A late-model car—up to 20,000 miles—should have four tires of the same make with even wear. That also indicates good maintenance.

When deciding what dealer to visit, remember that in most big cities some new-car dealers serve affluent areas and take in a lot of used cars. These dealers wholesale the bad ones and keep the best for resale on their own lots. Usually, such cars will be later models driven by people who could afford to maintain them well.

Cars found in the newspaper classified ads usually can be purchased for a price between retail—what the dealer will sell a similar car for—and wholesale—what the dealer would pay for such a car. But be careful. Make sure you are buying the car from a private seller, not a floating dealer who buys and sells cars under the guise of a private seller.

T IS also wise to check on what, if any, serious flaws are associated with the model you are considering. Gorzelany suggested buyers call the national Auto Safety Administration's Office of Consumer Services at 1-800-424-9393 to learn quickly whether the car has been involved in a recall and how serious the flaws might be. Have the car's make, model, year and ID number stamped on the instrument panel (visible through the windshield) when you call.

Gorzelany added cautions about cars that have steam-cleaned engines, because the cleaning could disguise poor maintenance, and cars that have been used in fleets by taxi companies, municipalities or law-enforcement agencies. They may have been well-maintained but are high-mileage cars driven by many different drivers who are not the owners. Some dealers specialize in buying fleet cars, touching them up and selling them to unsuspecting buyers as one-owner cream puffs.

The car's paint also can tell tales. A car less than three years old that has been repainted may have been in a wreck. To check for a repaint, look at the edges of the hood, trunk openings and the door jambs for overspray or different-color paint. If you suspect the

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# DON'T LOSE SLEEP OVER INSOMNIA

## By Edward Edelson

F YOU'VE ever had a sleepless night, you're not alone. Insomnia, in one form or another, is one of the nation's most common complaints. "Ask people whether they've ever had

a sleep problem, and you get a 100-percent affirmative response," said Dr. Michael Thorpy, director of the Sleep Disorders Center in New York. Ask whether the problem is serious — as the National Institutes of Health did in a survey not long ago — and you get an equally impressive answer. Seventeen percent of those questioned described their sleep problems as severe.

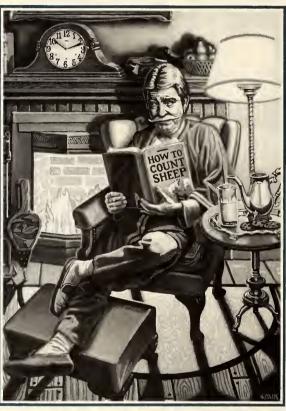
Now the good news: Simple self-help measures can help you fall asleep faster and get a good night's rest. And if your insomnia falls into the serious category, a proliferating number of sleep centers can make a detailed diagnosis of exactly what is keeping you awake and prescribe precise measures to help you sleep better.

The first step is to make sure that you really have a sleep problem. Sleep-laboratory studies show that one-third of the people who complain of insomnia get a normal amount of sleep. Many of them are older people who haven't adjusted to

the shorter, lighter sleep that comes with aging.

But even with those exceptions, there truly are a lot of insomniacs, sleep experts say. Some people hit the sack and stare at the ceiling for hours, unable

Edward Edelson, a science writer for a large metropolitan newspaper, specializes in science and medicine. Having any trouble going to sleep at night? There is a lot more that you can do than just count sheep.



SELF-HELP – Maintaining a regular bedtime routine that includes a light snack and a relaxing book will help you avoid insomnia.

to get to sleep; others fall asleep easily but find themselves restless and wakeful in the middle of the night. Anyone can take a few easy measures against both kinds of insomnia.

If the problem is short-term, caused by an emotional upset, a change of working hours or the like, doctors don't hesitate to prescribe a sleeping pill generally one of the members of the drug family called benzodiazapines, which include Valium and Librium. "For isolated episodes of insomnia that last a few days or a week, drug therapy is very effective," said Dr. Mark Mahowald, director of the Sleep Disorders Center at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis. "But they're not indicated beyond a certain point — about three weeks — because they

themselves may perpetuate the sleep problem."

Long-term use of sleeping pills can disturb the body's natural sleep rhythm, Mahowald said. There's also a danger of developing withdrawal symptoms when the pill taking stops.

If you're going to take a sleeping pill, make it one that your doctor prescribes, the experts recommend. Most overthe-counter products contain antihistamines, which cause drowsiness, and don't provide much help. And tryptophan, the food ingredient that lately has been touted as being a natural sleep-inducer, gets decidedly mixed reviews.

"It doesn't hurt to try tryptophan in mild cases of insomnia," said Dr. Quentin Regestein, director of the Harvard University Sleep Disorder Center. But Thorpy warned that the large doses of tryptophan needed to induce sleep may cause gastrointestinal discomfort.

Sleeping pills are definitely out for chronic insomnia, which lasts three weeks or longer,

Thorpy said. One of the simplest, most effective self-help measures recommended in such cases is a regular pattern of going to bed and getting up. That helps keep the body's internal clock set right, Regestein said.

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A regular sleep pattern also breaks a deadly pattern that some insomniacs fall into, said Thorpy. "If an insomniac has a night with very little sleep, he tends to stay in bed longer the next morning," he said. "Other nights, he'll feel very tired and go to bed early. As the sleep pattern gets spread out, the body's rhythms deteriorate. Just by holding constant the times of going to bed and getting up, we are able to produce significant benefits in the majority of insomnia patients."

Thorpy also recommended a number of "sleep-hygiene" measures, such as avoiding anything stimulating before bedtime — for instance, spicy foods and arousing activity. Exercise is good, but it should be done in the morning or afternoon. Some insomniacs are told not to watch the evening news because it gets their adrenalin flowing. A bland snack, a glass of milk and a relaxing book all help induce sleep, Thorpy said.

The list definitely doesn't include a nightcap, sleep experts agree. Alcohol will help you fall asleep faster, but it prevents you from getting the deepest, most restful kind of sleep. "If you drink a glass of wine at bedtime you could wake up at 2 a.m., unable to get back to sleep," said Regestein.

HAT goes for cigarettes and coffee, too. "We don't like to be puritanical, but we try to get people off caffeine, alcohol and nicotine," Regestein said. All three substances interfere with sleep — caffeine, for as long as 24 hours, he said.

Overweight insomniacs are advised to take off pounds if they can. Obesity puts more pressure on air passages, causing breathing difficulty at night. A shortage of oxygen — the technical term is "sleep apnea" — can interrupt sleep.

If these self-help measures don't work, the next logical stop is the doctor's office. Thorpy said a family physician should ask about the medications that the insomniac might be taking, since many prescription drugs — those prescribed for high blood pressure, for instance — can interfere with sleep. The doctor also should ask about existing medical disorders that can disturb sleep, such as chronic lung conditions and depression. Antidepressant-drug treatment often helps cure insomnia.

The very last stop for a chronic insomniac is the sleep-disorders clinic,



RUG therapy is very effective for isolated episodes of insomnia that last a few days or a week.

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and it's an expensive place. Regestein said a thorough examination in a sleep-disorders center can cost several hundred dollars. A night in a sleep laboratory, where the patient is constantly monitored by a battery of instruments, could cost \$1,000.

Treatment programs for truly severe insomnia usually are highly personalized, Thorpy said. But one new method that is getting increased use is sleep restriction, developed by Dr. Arthur Spielman, director of the Sleep Disorders Center at City College of New York. The idea is to keep people in bed only as long as they sleep. A typical procedure is having an insomniac go to bed later than usual and get up at the same time every morning. The amount of allowed sleep is increased as the patient begins to sleep longer. Daytime naps are forbidden.

According to Thorpy, sleep restriction helps 85 percent of the patients. The technique has produced "just incredible" results for many chronic insomniacs, Mahowald said. But it isn't for the faint-hearted, he added — the first nights can be rough, and many patients drop out. "It helps to have someone on the staff around to do handholding," he said.

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# DEMOCRACY Under The Gun

President Aquino's policy of reconciliation with the communists "was doomed from the start," says counterinsurgency expert Gen. Richard G. Stilwell, who also cites serious problems in the Philippine armed forces.

HE STAGE already had been set when the Marcos regime crumbled in February 1986. Years of widespread corruption, neglect of the soldiers' basic needs and inadequate response to a burgeoning communist insurgency had stirred up a sea of unrest in the Philippine military. Those conditions continued to fester even after Corazon Aquino took office and today threaten the island-chain republic, warned retired U.S. Army Gen. Richard G. Stilwell, former deputy undersecretary of defense for policy and an expert on counterinsurgency.

"The deplorable conditions in the Philippine armed forces did not evolve overnight," Stilwell said. "Unrest has been building for years, and little has been done to address it."

The unrest exploded into armed rebellion last August,

when 1,000 soldiers, led by Col. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, seized key military posts in Manila, the capital city. When the fighting ended, 53 Filipinos were dead and 300 wounded. Honasan said the government's inability to launch action against the communist movement, which has engulfed much of the 7,000-island archipelago since the late 1960s, prompted the rebellion. He and many of his followers eluded capture, and have renewed their pledge to bring the Aquino government to its knees. It was the fifth coup attempt, and most serious challenge, faced by the government.

Stilwell returned from a 10-day tour of the Philippines just days before the coup attempt. As a representative of a private U.S.-based health-relief organization, he met with government leaders and military commanders during his sojourn. "I returned more pessimistic about the problems in the Philippines than when I departed," he said. "The problems, especially in the military, are critical."

Stilwell recently discussed some of these problems and other issues concerning the Philippines with THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE.

**American Legion Magazine:** What has been the Aquino government's major failure in attempting to restore stability to the Philippines?

**General Stilwell:** The government's lack of a firm, consistent policy toward the Philippine Communist Party. In her first year in office, President Aquino felt a moral imperative to bring about a cease-fire and attempt to negotiate an end to the communist-armed struggle. Key communist leaders were released from jail, and guerrillas were promised amnesty and

Retired Army Gen. Richard G. Stilwell, former undersecretary of defense for policy, is a military-affairs expert who worked closely with the Philippine Army during the HUKS insurgency in the 1950s.



DISARRAY - The attempted coup and attack on army headquarters last August were ample warning of serious unrest within the Philippine armed forces.

land if they laid down their arms and surrendered.

The reconciliation effort was doomed from the start, as the communist objective is to dominate the Philippines. Negotiations got nowhere. Few guerrillas surrendered, and fewer still turned in arms. And the communists were given a breathing spell to recoup from the political mistake of not supporting the revolt against Marcos.

When the negotiations broke off in early 1987, the Philippine armed forces were directed to take the offensive against the communist military arm, the New People's Army. The "offensive" has not yet begun, for the government has no

overall plan for dealing with the insurgency.

The military cannot go it alone. Counterinsurgency campaigns require government action to address the grievances of the rural population, police action to root out the imbedded communist apparatus, and military actions to provide security and hunt down the armed guerrillas. Without those complementary actions, the units of the New People's Army will be hard to find, and every guerrilla who is killed will be replaced by the communist political cadres.

How serious a threat are the Philippine communists?

They pose a great threat. The communist movement has A. two major arms, political and military, pursuing a coordinated strategy. The political arm, the National Democratic Front, has more than 45 supporting organizations labor, clergy, students and so on—operating mainly in the urban areas, intent on infiltrating institutions, destabilizing the economy and eroding confidence in the government. The New People's Army, in the classic Maoist pattern of developing mass support in the countryside, now controls perhaps 30 percent of the rural villages.

The latest estimates place the strength of the New People's

Army at 26,000. While the Philippine armed forces number more than 200,000, only the combat units are relevant to counterinsurgency, and these total about 30,000 soldiers. It's alarming to note that the ratio of guerrillas to government soldiers is almost 1-to-1. History shows us that insurgencies fare well even when they are outnumbered 6-to-1.

### Are the Philippine armed forces capable of waging all-out war against the communists?

Under present conditions, no. They are deficient in many ways. To begin with, the officer corps is fractionalized, and the quality of leadership is spotty. Soldiers have not been indoctrinated, and units have not been properly trained, for their unique missions in combating insurgency. Each soldier must be drilled on his triple responsibility: protector of the populace, contributor to its welfare and skillful guerrilla fighter. In my view, systematic and rigorous training of the armed forces for this kind of warfare should be the first priority.

Another major problem is the lack of the necessary logistical support for effective, sustained operations. There are no combat rations, much equipment is unserviceable, and battalions have neither qualified personnel nor medical kits for emergency treatment of the wounded. All this adds up to low morale.

One gauge of military professionalism is enforcement of discipline and standards. In the Philippines, officers simply don't get punished for embezzlement or, worse yet, for gross leadership failures on the battlefield.

What is the root of the problem between the Philippine government and its armed forces?

It's difficult to be precise, because the armed forces do A. not speak with a single voice. But the majority of the officers complain that Aquino and her key advisers simply do not understand the dimensions and methods of the communist insurgency, and therefore, do not understand the

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DEFICIENT - Gen. Fidel Ramos heads a poorly trained army fraught with dissension and low morale.

scope of the measures needed to defeat it. General Ramos, the chief of staff, has publicly cited the grave danger, and called for a national strategy integrating executive, legislative and judicial programs to be implemented without delay at the grassroots level. Honasan, perpetrator of the August coup attempt, tells the people the same thing.

The fact that Honasan and his small band are not being hunted by the army and constabulary demonstrates that there is wide support in the armed forces for his platform, if not for his violent methods. The recent pay raise for soldiers does not address this problem. Many people also believe that Aquino is more suspicious of the military than of the communists, as a result of the assassination of her husband some years ago.

# THE GROWING RED THREAT

WHAT began in 1969 as a ragtag band of communist rebels has evolved into an organized, well-armed revolution that today controls about a fifth of the Philippine countryside.

The Communist Party of the Philippines and its military faction, the New People's Army, have stepped up efforts in their 18-year-long war against democracy in the Philippines, a war that has killed more than 5,000 Filipinos in the past two years. The communists are waging war on two major fronts—on the battlefield and at the polls. In some areas communists control up to 50 percent of populated areas, according to Richard D. Fisher Jr., a policy analyst in the Asian Studies Center, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.

"In these areas," Fisher wrote recently in a report, "the CPP collects taxes and maintains tight intelligence networks that allow the NPA to retain the initiative against the [Philippine] military."

# Have all these attempted coups helped the communist movement?

Unquestionably. The communists have taken advantage of every distraction and every crisis that has occurred in the Philippines. If anyone has gained anything from the current instability, the communists have. The momentum of the insurgency accelerates each time the government must face a problem that diverts its attention.

Would increased U.S. aid boost the government's ability to fight the communist guerrillas?

Yes, to some degree. But more U.S. aid is not the sole—or even primary—requirement. It's a Philippine problem, requiring solutions that are Philippine in design and conduct; our assistance can only reinforce domestic programs. Thus, the heart of the matter is the government's willingness to make defeating the insurgency a top national priority; develop an interdepartmental game plan; and harness the entire bureaucracy to the resulting tasks under clear-cut civilian, police and military management.

This will require some budget reallocations, augmenting vital rural programs and reducing less-critical expenditures. The military budget needs only a modest increase; a hightech army always loses to guerrillas. As I said earlier, correcting key deficiencies—extensive combat training, and providing essential equipment at battalion and lower levels—is not all that costly. One seasoned Filipino officer told me that those improvements would "make our army proud and capable, and no longer the laughingstock of our Southeast Asian neighbors."

# **Q.** Are the Soviets supplying arms to the Philippine communist guerrillas?

There's no evidence of that. We believe that the New People's Army has received modest help from Vietnam—mostly American-made M-16 rifles, which are the

guerrillas' basic weapons. But the guerrillas get most of their M-16s by stealing government stocks or capturing them in encounters with the armed forces.

However, a considerable amount of money is being funneled to the Communist Party for non-military uses. Contributions have poured in to the various front organizations from groups in New Zealand, Australia and Western Europe—and even the United States—that are sympathetic to the insurgents' cause. The Soviet-controlled World Federation of Trade Unions provides support to the Philippines' second-largest trade-union association: the KMU, or May First Movement, which has attempted to dislocate the Philippine economy by targeting strikes on strategic industries.

**Q.** Besides the communists and the military, what other problems are contributing to the instability of the Philippines?

The overall economic situation is bleak. The Philippines, once an economic leader in Southeast Asia, has become one of the poorest countries. Sixty percent of its people have incomes below the poverty line, and lack even minimum health and sanitation services. Unemployment is very high, and the traditionally high birth rate creates a demand for 700,000 new jobs each year.

The foreign-debt burden is staggering. While the economy had positive growth in 1986 for the first time in several years, the unstable conditions have deterred both foreign and domestic investment—the keys to long-term economic expansion. It is estimated that 95 percent of the national wealth is held by 5 percent of the population. Meaningful, phased land reform is one necessary step toward more equitable distribution of wealth.



STRATEGIC SITES — A major U.S. concern is the security of Clark Air Base and the Subic Bay Naval Station.

**Q.** Didn't Aquino recently decree a land-reform program designed to provide land to the landless?

Immediately before the Philippine Congress took office last July, Aquino announced a sweeping measure for nationwide redistribution of privately owned land but left the details to be hammered out by the legislature. Her action Please turn to page 71

# **CAN WE HOLD OUR STRATEGIC BASES?**

## By Robert J. Hanks

TWO military bases in the Philippines—the Subic Bay/Cubi Point naval complex and Clark Air Base—comprise the southern anchor of America's strategic presence in Southeast Asia. From these bases, which have operated since World War II, American armed forces have dominated major lines of communication across the South China Sea, connecting the Indian and Pacific oceans, and linking regional nations to Australia and New Zealand. Until recently, this sea expanse has been mostly American-controlled.

America's military presence in Southeast Asia has safeguarded its own interests and supported regional nations whenever they felt imperiled. Although a few nations publicly refuse to acknowledge this reality and at times even criticize the U.S. presence, most are quick to register unhappiness about any reduction of U.S. strength in the Western Pacific, par-

ticularly in the wake of major deployments of 7th Fleet ships to the Indian Ocean.

The strategic location of Subic Bay gives U.S. warships the freedom to sail across the southwest Pacific and Indian oceans without requiring supply lines that would extend to Hawaii or the West Coast, and without having to churn thousands of miles east or north for major repairs. Also, Subic's critical location gives U.S. warships the ability to react promptly to any regional crisis.

Clark Air Base, although an operational airfield, is primarily a vital supply depot serving U.S. military forces throughout Southeast Asia. Clark also is an indispensable part of a logistical lifeline to the American base at Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. The bulk of airlifted support for that atoll originates in California, and transporting aircraft must refuel at Clark en route to Diego Garcia.

Continued access to Subic and Clark clearly is essential if the United States is to maintain a strong military presence in the Western Pacific and in the Indian Ocean. Demand for such a presence rose dramatically after Soviet air and naval forces arrived in Vietnam. These forces menace Southeast Asian countries and sea lanes, and diminish the confidence that those nations have long placed in American military power.

The unprecedented Soviet buildup poses many threats. Wartime operations would encompass air strikes against land targets, submarine interdiction of shipping lanes, and submarine-launched cruise-missile attacks against opposing surface naval forces and shore targets throughout the area. The burgeoning Soviet military presence already has produced a peacetime impact on regional states that has enhanced Moscow's political

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## RALPH TALBOT and ROBERT G. ROBINSON

URING World War I the battlefield extended into a new arena: the sky. None of the band of intrepid airmen who fought in that new dimension did so with greater skill or bravery than Ralph Talbot and Robert G. Robinson.

By October 1918, the long, bitterly contested war had reached a critical juncture. Massed Allied and German armies were locked in contention for the Meuse-Argonne area of France near the Belgian border, each realizing that this could very well be the decisive battle. Vying for advantage, each committed its full resources, including the embryonic air arms that both possessed.

On Oct. 8, the frail, canvas-covered, two-seat aircraft assigned to Squadron C, 1st Marine Aviation Force, were airborne behind enemy lines, seeking targets of opportunity. The pilot of one plane was 2nd Lt. Ralph Talbot; Gunnery Sgt. Robert G. Robinson was his observer-gunner. Although Talbot was only 21 years old and Robinson only 22, both Americans already were veterans of air combat. Early into the flight the pair had attacked and scattered an enemy ground concentration; now they were scanning the terrain, hunting other targets.

All at once they were set upon by nine German aircraft. The hunters had become the hunted. Robinson zeroed in on one of the German planes, bringing it down, while Talbot took evasive action to shake off the superior force and streak for home.

Early the next morning Talbot and Robinson were again over enemy territory, flying interdiction missions. The Meuse-Argonne battle had reached a new level of intensity, and the entire front line was aflame with action.

On Oct. 14, the pair was part of an Allied attack formation flying over Belgium when their plane developed an engine malfunction, forcing them to separate from the others. For a short while as they turned back, they had the sky all to themselves. Suddenly, they

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# MEDAL OF HONOR

# VIGNETTES OF COURAGE

The young pilot and his gunner fought a cold, dispassionate war of speed, skill and weapons. But for a Berlin-born U.S. paratrooper, war was a personal matter.

## By Vernon Pizer

were no longer alone — 12 enemy scout planes were closing on them rapidly. Talbot skittered his plane about evasively while Robinson traversed his machine gun, raking the Germans with a steady stream of bullets. The pilot succeeded in bringing the plane up on the tail of a German scout, and Robinson hit it dead on; it exploded in a fireball.

As Talbot banked the plane, a German bullet struck Robinson in the elbow, ripping most of it away; simultaneously, his machine gun jammed. Maneuvering skillfully, Talbot fended off the enemy while the gunner, working with his good hand, cleared the jam. Before Robinson could resume firing he was struck twice more, in the stomach and the hip.

Stealing a quick glance back, the pilot saw that Robinson was unconscious. Flying the plane with one hand, Talbot manned the forward guns with the other, shooting down one of the scouts. Then he took the plane into a steep dive, leveling off only when he was within 50 feet of the ground. The maneuver forced the enemy scouts to break off.

Continuing to hug the ground, Talbot nursed the malfunctioning, shot-up little plane across the German lines. He drew heavy ground fire, but none hit a vital spot on the ailing aircraft.

Once in Allied territory, Talbot headed directly for an Army hospital, setting the plane down in a field beside it. After litter bearers removed the still-unconscious gunner, Talbot took off for home base and much-needed repairs.

Robinson eventually recovered and was sent home. Talbot, less fortunate, was shot down and killed on a subsequent mission. For their courage and skill, both men received the Medal of Honor. They were the first Marine Corps aviators to earn that coveted decoration.

# ISADORE S. JACHMAN

In A VERY special way, Isadore S. Jachman was fighting a personal war. Born in Berlin, he had considered himself to be a loyal German citizen until the Germany he knew was perverted by the insanity and bestiality of Nazism into a slaughterhouse for millions of the innocent. He was one of the relatively few lucky ones; he wound up in America, where he was safe from the jackbooted Nazi extermination squads.

When the United States entered World War II, Jachman promptly enlisted in his adopted country's army, seeking to repay his debt to the land that had granted him refuge and to settle his



ANGRY SKIES – War went airborne for the first time in World War I, and American pilots soon earned their wings of courage in dogfights over foreign lands.

personal score with the land he had fled. Assigned to the infantry, he volunteered for training as a paratrooper. Alert, conscientious and a quick learner, he did well in jump school and had no trouble winning his paratrooper's wings. Posted to Company B of the 513th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 17th Airborne Division, Jachman displayed qualities of leadership and professionalism that earned him a promotion to staff sergeant.

NTHE winter of 1944-45, the 17th Airborne was bivouacked in England. undergoing its final shakedown before leaving to fight on the Continent. On Dec. 16, 30 German divisions plus supporting units mounted a massive counter-offensive against the Allied forces in the Ardennes region of Belgium. History books would label the giant operation the Battle of the Bulge. Achieving initial surprise against the thinly held Allied lines, the Germans broke through and made a deep penetration. Eight days later, the 17th Airborne Division was hurriedly airlifted across the channel and was at once committed to combat in the Ardennes.

Because the weather was so foul during the most critical phases of the Battle of the Bulge, the Allied air forces could not fly missions in close support of the ground troops. To a large extent the

battle was combat at its most elemental level: a bitter, unrelenting contest for each snow-covered hillock, each clump of trees, each crossroad village. Jachman and his comrades were blooded in a hurry.

On Jan. 4, Company B was probing the enemy near Flamierge, a small town in the Bastogne area. The unit had already engaged in a minor fire-fight that morning as it moved through the woods leading to Flamierge. Jachman led one of the forward elements of the company. The Americans emerged from the woods and were just beginning to cross open ground when a concealed enemy unit opened up on them with artillery, mortar and small-arms fire. Effectively pinned down by the bracketing fire, the Americans were vulnerable. Jachman directed his men to belly down into the snow-covered ground in a defensive perimeter and return fire.

A few minutes into the exchange, two German tanks lumbered over a rise, inflicting heavy casualties on the dug-in Americans. Jachman realized that the only way to prevent the tanks from wiping out his men was to bring bazookas — armor-piercing rocket launchers — into action against them. He looked around desperately for his bazooka man and saw that he was dead, his bazooka lying in the snow beside him. Jachman leaped to his feet and raced to the fallen



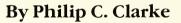
AIR SUPPORT — U.S. Marine Corps aircraft wing their way to the heavily contested Meuse-Argonne area of France.

soldier. Grabbing the bazooka and some rockets, he armed the weapon, raised it to his shoulder and moved toward the two tanks, firing as he went.

The Germans turned their weapons on the sergeant, but he kept coming. One of his rockets struck the nearest tank, crippling it. The battered tank turned and began to withdraw. The second tank also turned and withdrew. Wounded several times, Jachman died in the snow as both tanks retreated.

Jachman lost his life but won his personal war — he disrupted the German attack and saved his men. Three days later Flamierge was in American hands. For his bravery, Jachman was awarded the Medal of Honor.

# NIGHT RRRRIOM Miroslav Medvid



HORTLY after dark on the night of Oct. 24, 1985, a young Ukrainian seaman named Miroslav Medvid jumped from his ship, the Soviet freighter Marshal Konev, anchored in the Mississippi River near New Orleans. Clutching a small, watertight jar containing his Soviet identity papers, he swam ashore, barely eluding three ship's officers who followed him. As Medvid told an interpreter later that night, he wanted "to

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live in an honest country."

What followed, however, was a two-week nightmare of frustration, misjudgments and bureaucratic procrastination, resulting in a humiliating failure of America's political-asylum process. Not only was the would-be defector denied freedom in the United States, but he was forcibly returned to the Soviet vessel twice, with the help of three Americans. When Washington tried to rectify the situation, a standoff developed between U.S. and Soviet officials, nearly provoking a serious international crisis.

All of this was reported in oftensensational news accounts at the time. But to determine exactly what had gone REPENTED DEFECTOR—Medvid or his impostor (second from left) finally is allowed to leave his ship for an interview with U.S. immigration officials.

wrong and why, and to recommend safeguards for the future, Congress in 1986 ordered a full-scale investigation of the case, assigning it, ironically, to the U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. A bipartisan group composed of 19 members of Congress and one representative each from the State, Defense and Commerce departments, the CSCE was created primarily to monitor Soviet compliance with the 1975 Helsinki human-rights accords.

# WICE Medvid jumped into the river, but he was returned to the ship both times by U.S. authorities.

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The CSCE's 415-page report, including appendices and exhibits, was released that May, after a 10-month probe that was based on more than 300 interviews. The remarkably detailed and revealing account reads like a horror story straight out of the Cold War.

After swimming ashore, Medvid, dripping wet in a pullover shirt, shorts and tennis shoes, found himself in the town of Belle Chasse, 15 miles downstream from New Orleans. At a local shopping center, he encountered an employee leaving work. Though Medvid spoke no English, he managed to communicate that he wished to go to the "policia" in "Novi Orleans." Despite initial misgivings, the American drove the stranger to New Orleans and dropped him off at a police precinct station.

Unable to understand what Medvid



wanted, the officers turned him over to the New Orleans Harbor Police. They, too, were baffled and called in the U.S. Border Patrol. When Border Patrol agents also failed to overcome the language barrier, the senior agent arranged a three-way telephone interview with a part-time Ukrainian translator for the Immigration and Naturalization Service in New York.

The translator told the CSCE inves-

SEAGOING PROTEST—Irate U.S. citizens call for the sailor's release as they picket the Soviet freighter Konev, anchored in the Mississippi River.

tigators that Medvid began by saying, "At last, somebody understands me!" and twice answered, "Nu, da!" — meaning "Oh, yes!" when asked whether he wanted political asylum. She suggested that in filling out the report on Medvid,

# **AMERICA STILL IS A POPULAR PLACE**

CRITICS notwithstanding, the United States still is a popular place. When the State Department suspended normal immigration requirements for one week in January 1986, so that an extra 10,000 people could apply for visas on a first-come, first-served basis, more than 1 million requests poured in.

More than 100,000 applications arrived from Ireland in one day. About 64,000 Canadians applied. Seven thousand people called the U.S. embassy in Romania; 5,000 people stood in line outside our embassy in Burma. From West Berlin, 5,500 applications came the first day.

As *The Wall Street Journal* printed: "The United States must be doing something right." The paper suggested that Canadian Lloyd Rowe of Calgary may have identified the main reason. "I'm sick and tired of being taxed to death," Rowe wrote.

While high taxes could prompt many outsiders to seek refuge in America, there is a greater attraction: America is the land of opportunity.

In addition to economic incentives, growing numbers of the world's people seek political freedom. Since 1975, the United States has taken in more than 1 million refugees. Most of them came from communist-ruled Southeast Asia, but increasing numbers of people are now arriving from Central America. In March 1986, the Supreme Court ruled that the government must relax its standard for deciding eligibility for political asylum.

Previously, the Justice Department, which administers the INS, held that a "well-founded fear" and a "clear probability" were the same in proving a defector's claim that he would be killed, tortured or otherwise persecuted for his beliefs if he returned to his native land. But the high court said this was contrary to the intent of the Refugee Act of 1980. Under that law, eligibility for asylum requires only proof of "a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particu-

lar social group or political opinion."

INS spokesman Verne Jervis said, "We get a lot of frivolous applications from illegal aliens. They request asylum as a kind of back door into the United States. And even when they're rejected, many of them use our prolonged appeals procedure to postpone their deportation indefinitely."

Statistics prove the point. Of the 26,107 applications for asylum received in the fiscal year ending in September 1987, only 4,062 were accepted.

Only 62 Soviet citizens applied for asylum; 32 cases have been approved, and the other 30 are pending. The reason for the low number of Soviet applicants is obvious: In order to seek asylum, Soviets first must defect. And as former Soviet defector Vladislav Krasnov explained: "The option of defection is available only for the chosen few who are allowed to travel abroad, or those daring enough to attempt to cross the border against overwhelming odds."

ESCRIBED as "mad as hell," a number of senators launched an 11th-hour bid to prevent Medvid's deportation.

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the senior agent should list "political and moral reasons" for the defection. After long consideration, however, the agent decided that Medvid was "just another ship-jumper" and should be returned to the *Konev*.

It was past 1 a.m. when the "shipjumper," described as being nervous but not yet fully aware of his fate, was taken by launch to the Soviet freighter, escorted by three employees of an American company that serviced ships in the area. There, the scene turned ugly. When the launch pulled alongside the *Konev*'s gangway, said the CSCE report, "Medvid started screaming and shaking like a leaf. Clinging fiercely to the launch railing, he refused to go farther. Then he suddenly jumped off the launch into the river and began swimming for shore." With the *Konev*'s second mate now on board, Raymond Guthrie, the launch pilot, tried to head off Medvid, but he reached shore just ahead of his pursuers.

The report continued, "The Soviet officer jumped onto the shore and tackled Medvid on the grassy area of the river bank. Two other Americans aboard the launch also assisted in overpowering Medvid, who was struggling to get free.

"One of the Americans later recalled

that Medvid was kicking and screaming, while lying on his back and 'banging his head backward onto the ground.' He finally seemed to grow tired and began sobbing uncontrollably. He screamed and shouted in a foreign language, repeating many times a word which sounded like *rockne* — suggested by one translator later as possibly being the Russian word *prokyyatiy*, meaning 'you s.o.b.'.

"Guthrie remained on the launch, directing a spotlight at the men on shore. He confirmed that Medvid resisted capture and struggled with the three other men..."

After Medvid had been subdued, the launch returned to the *Konev* for reinforcements. "About six or seven crewmen were taken back to shore, where they literally picked Medvid up and

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# **TEARING DOWN THE WALL**

WHEN President Reagan visited West Berlin last year and called on Mikhail Gorbachev to "tear down the wall," oppressed people everywhere hailed his reaffirmation of the right to freedom of movement. Today, however, problems plague America's handling of communist-bloc defectors as well as the applications of thousands who yearly seek asylum here.

Only days after the failed bid for freedom by Soviet seaman Miroslav Medvid in October 1985, the highestranking KGB officer ever to defect to the United States, Lt.Col. Vitaly Yurchenko, suddenly appeared at a Soviet embassy news conference to announce that after three months, he had "escaped" from his CIA "kidnappers" and was returning home. Back in the USSR, both men are now being used to spread anti-American propaganda and to deter other would-be defectors.

The humiliating reversals sent shock waves through the U.S. intelligence community, and brought demands from an outraged Congress for sweeping investigations and reform.

Meanwhile, a study by the Senate Subcommittee on Investigations released last October said the KGB has launched "a concerted, sophisticated and expanding program of harassment and intimidation meant to force the defector to return to the Soviet bloc." The program doesn't approach the violence of past KGB efforts, when



SYMBOL OF TYRANNY—President Reagan last year made a personal plea to the Soviets to tear down the wall.

some defectors were tracked down and assassinated. But the current Soviet intelligence offensive is making effective use of "novel psychological methods"—i.e., the carrot and the stick.

The Soviet tactics appear to be gaining. Although the numbers are classified, high-level defections from the Soviet bloc are said to be declining while redefections are increasing.

Alarmed by this turn of events, CIA Director William Webster assured Senate hearings in October that since the Yurchenko affair, the CIA has improved its capacity to effectively manage high-level defectors. More agents have been assigned to the task, he said, and measures have been adopted to reassure disenchanted defectors "by showing more concern for the individual." (Under a 1949 law, the CIA may harbor up to 100 intelligence defectors a year, a quota that never has been filled.)

Among the proposals emerging from the hearings are increased financial support—the government currently provides only \$600 per capita for "refugee resettlement"—and expert assistance to help defectors overcome language difficulties, acquire training and find jobs fully commensurate with their qualifications. Other suggestions include expediting citizenship and setting up a 24-hour emergency hot line for defectors seeking immediate protection.

"The defector offers our country a unique insight into an otherwise closed world," said Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia, chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Investigations. "We must learn to better assist and use the genuine defector, who usually arrives at our doorstep in his flight for freedom with nothing more than the shirt on his back."

Added Nunn: "Even if the actions taken under *glasnost* begin to match the advance advertising, the Soviet Union still will have a long, long road to travel before it becomes what we call a truly open society."

# FOUNDATION WITH A FUTURE

SOME fortunate teen-agers last year were plucked from the grip of alcoholism or coaxed out of suicide attempts. This year, physically impaired youths will get hands-on training in the skills of Scouting, and children will learn how to recognize and avoid physical and

These are just some of the "minor miracles for youths" made possible by the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Inc., through grants funded by donations. "This year, we need \$1 million to keep on helping our kids," said Nat'l Cmdr. John P. "Jake" Comer. "I'm counting on you!"

sexual abuse.

"For years to come, Legionnaires will look back on 1988 as the year of the child, thanks to the national fund drive that kicks

off this month," said U.S. (Udie) Grant, president of the foundation's board of directors.

"The real beauty of this project is that we will raise the money together—the Legion, the Auxiliary and all our organizations," Comer said. "I can promise you this: The American Legion will be long remembered and appreciated for its efforts."

Pearl Behrend, national president of the American Legion Auxiliary, said she is equally enthusiastic, and already she has passed the hat wherever her official duties have taken her. At press time, Auxiliary units had donated nearly \$10,000.

For 33 years, Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary members, Eight and Forty members, SAL members,



NATION'S FUTURE—The CWF helps programs that foster creativity and self-development of America's future leaders.

and others have supported the Child Welfare Foundation through their contributions.

The donations pour in from all corners of the world. Some are large, some are small—\$17 to the "Yanks" from a British veteran; \$50 from a Junior Auxiliary unit in Porter, Texas; \$64 from a Lyle, Wash., woman who raffled off a quilt she made. The largest gift: \$25,000 from the Pennsylvania American Legion Auxiliary.

Since CWF was established in 1954, it has awarded grants totaling more than \$2 million to non-profit organizations and agencies dedicated to the health and welfare of America's children and youths. This year alone, CWF has awarded \$137,500 in grants.

"Any post or department may apply

for CWF grants to conduct worthy projects on behalf of children," Grant said. "For example, a \$14,000 grant was awarded this year to American Legion Post 59, Aberdeen, Idaho, to publish a booklet for sexually abused children.

"Although the foundation doesn't have the money to award the six- and seven-figure grants that large U.S. foundations can afford," Grant said, "we still get a lot of mileage out of our dollars. Traditionally, the board of directors seeks projects that are important but whose financial needs are relatively small.

"We use the same principle for awarding grants today as the CWF founder, Dr. Garland D. Murphy Jr., used during the early days of the foundation," Grant said. He was referring to the "seedling" principle championed by Murphy, who believed that the wise use of small amounts of money could outproduce the extravagant use of

large amounts of money.

Murphy, in fact, had witnessed that principle in action as early as 1948, when the Legion and Auxiliary - concerned about children with rheumatic heart disease—gave a seed grant to the fledgling American Heart Association. A few years later the Legion awarded a similar grant to the National Association for Mental Health. In both instances, Murphy noticed, the Legion grants alerted the nation to important, but little-known, causes and set off a chain reaction of donations from other sources. The Legion gifts, in effect, had clearly provided the seed money for both agencies to become national health-research organizations.

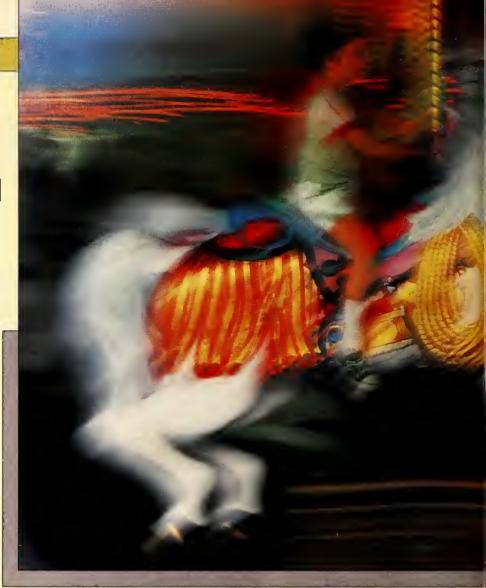
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# FOUNDATION WITH A FUTURE



WORTHY GOAL—Each American child should grow up as happy and healthy as possible.



CHILDHOOD - A rapid blur of motion and experience racing to the future. The Child Welfare

# We need \$1 million to keep on helping our kids. I'm counting on you!'

John P. "Jake" Comer, Nat'l Cmdr.



oundation helps each child be a winner.

1986 grants approved by the **Child Welfare** Foundation include: American Legion **Auxiliary National** Headquarters, Indianapolis, \$72,500; **Aplastic Anemia** Foundation of America, Inc., Baltimore, Md., \$22,500: Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation, Collinsville, Conn., \$18,000: Genoa Youth Center, Genoa, Neb., \$7,000; **Juvenile Diabetes** Foundation, New York, N.Y., \$22,500; **Kansas Educational Endowment Program.** \$2,000: Parents Anonymous, Missoula, Mont., \$7,500; Variety Pre-Schooler's Workshop, Syosset, N.Y., \$21,500; Voice of the Blind, Bethel, Maine, \$17,000; **Guardians of Hydro**cephalus Research Foundation, Brooklyn, N.Y., \$18,000.



"CHILDREN do not make up 100 percent of our population, but they sure make up 100 percent of our future. You can help make theirs a better future and ours a better world by sending your contribution to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation today. Take the enclosed self-addressed envelope and send \$10, \$15 or whatever you can afford. I'm counting on your support, and I know America's veterans will come through for our kids!"

John

# AMERICA'S SERVICEMEN

# HARDSHIP DUTY AT HOME

## By Phyllis Zauner

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HEN I see him standing up there in uniform, the way he holds his head . . . it makes me proud," Renee said about her husband, Casey, a Marine lance corporal. "He's doing something that makes

him feel good, and I know it's important to him to have someone here to share it with."

But Casey will not have his wife and children with him much longer. Family life is a luxury he can't afford. After the couple's third child is born, Renee will leave the one-bedroom apartment near Alameda Naval Air Station in California and go back to Chicago to live with her parents. She sees no way to squeeze in another crib, and she's not sure she can stretch her food budget to feed another mouth.

Casey's base pay is \$800 a month before taxes. The off-base-housing allowances he receives fall \$100 short of paying the \$515-a-month rent on his family's present quarters, and a two-bedroom apartment would cost at least \$675 in the exorbitantly high-rent San Francisco Bay area. So Renee and the kids will move to Chicago, and Casey will take bachelor quarters on the base.

Renee knows that military and private relief agencies could help. But her husband is too proud to accept any help.

The story is not an uncommon one. Thousands of low-ranking military people are struggling to raise families on pay and housing allowances that do

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For many military men and women in lower pay grades, substandard housing is all they can afford for their families.

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not cover the cost of living in cities along the East Coast and in the San Francisco area, which even higher-paid officers call "hardship duty." In dire financial shape, military families scramble for food and clothing, share apartments or are forced to split up. David Ciechanowski, chief of Army Community Services at San Francisco Presidio, said, "If they're making payments on a car, they're in tight straits."

TATISTICS tell the story. Junior enlisted people (E-3 and below) receive a basic off-base-quarters allowance of \$253 a month, supplemented by a variable housing allowance. In some states and in rural areas, there is no variable housing allowance. In San Francisco, it's \$275, the highest in the nation; in Oakland, it's \$160. The allowance is the same whether the service person has five dependents or none.

When the allowance was introduced in 1981, it was supposed to make up the difference between the basic allowance for quarters and the actual cost of rent. But a cost-cutting Congress, appalled at the way the extra allowance was soaring in some areas, froze the rate.

Military families who live in West

Germany, Japan, Alaska and Hawaii do get a percentage boost — but that's not available in the continental United States. "California is worse than Alaska," said one sergeant, whose car bears parking stickers from a half-dozen bases. "Up there we got a cost-of-living adjustment."

A Department of Defense study shows that 21 percent of all military families live in substandard housing because allowances don't cover off-base costs. This applies especially to grades E-3 and below. In fact, a recent DoD report to the Armed Services committees showed that half of all junior enlisted people who live in off-base housing live below DoD standards of minimum acceptability. According to DoD standards, housing is unacceptable if there are not enough bedrooms to ensure that no more than two dependents share a room.

In many cases, according to the DoD, junior enlisted people pay their entire basic allowances and nearly \$300 a month more for a two-bedroom apartment, not including utilities.

Part of the squeeze stems from the fact that the military has changed. It's no longer made up of footloose young bachelors living in barracks and eating at the mess hall. Twenty-eight percent of the first-term soldiers in today's Army are married, and there's not nearly enough on-base family housing to accommodate them.

"The percentage of married soldiers has skyrocketed in the past five or six years with the volunteer Army," said Ciechanowski. "The Army is recruiting more established people now. A lot of people are looking at the Army as a place to raise a family."

As early as 1983, the Army's chief of staff reported, "The Army's willingness to acknowledge the critical role families play in its mission has moved from



SKY-HIGH – Most young military families living in high-cost areas such as San Francisco rarely make ends meet.

studied neglect, through selective inclusion of families, to a sense that the development of a family philosophy is imperative."

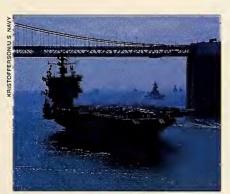
Still, dozens of soldiers and seamen feel that the true attitude hinges on an old military adage: "If we wanted you to have a wife, we would have issued you one."

Housing problems do not exist everywhere in the nation. Low-cost trailer parks line the perimeters of bases in some states, and rural towns near some bases exist solely as a result of the military. But that only makes it more difficult for members of Congress from California to persuade their colleagues to vote for military-housing funds.

In San Francisco, the situation is expected to become acute when the battleship *Missouri* and its escort ships become home-ported there. That will bring 6,000 sailors into an area where there is already a shortage of 2,000 apartments. Military planners hope that leasing arrangements with private developers will ease the crunch by 1992.

Meanwhile, Army Community Services and other such organizations are working to ease the burden on low-ranking enlisted people, who generally have not yet accumulated nest eggs, by offering no-interest loans that will pay the first-and-last-month rents they need

Half of the junior enlisted people living in off-base housing live below DoD standards of acceptability.



GETTING WORSE—The carrier Enterprise, home-ported in San Francisco, will be joined shortly by the battleship Missouri, which will bring its 6,000-man crew to an area already short 2,000 apartments.

to get into an apartment. Emergency food lockers also are widely available, and the San Francisco Presidio has a unique program that releases unsold commissary food once a week.

"This is no soup kitchen," insisted Ciechanowski, who is in charge of the program. "We're not just giving food; we give nutritional advice. People in the program meet others in the same predicament and arrange carpooling or babysitting pools."

Still, many enlisted people see it as a form of welfare, and they resent the fact that they can't support themselves. Many of them are too proud to ask for help and don't like to admit that there isn't enough food. The government foodstamp program seldom applies since it is based on gross entitlement and the ceiling is below what they are paid.

All of these problems play a big role in determining whether or not enlisted people stay in service. "If they don't perceive it as a feasible lifestyle for their families, they're going to get out," said Ciechanowski.

That puts the ball back in Congress' court. The central issue is an adjustment in the variable housing allowance. Said a Navy housing spokesman at the Pentagon, "Congress has just not let variable housing do what it was supposed to do."



BEAUTY MOST FOWL — A painting of three redheads was selected as the design for the 1988 U.S. Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp.

# THOSE MILLION-DOLLAR DUCKS!

#### By Gary Turbak

NE day in November 1986, Wisconsin artist Arthur Anderson got a phone call about a duck that eventually will make him a millionaire. Like 800 other wildlife painters, Anderson had entered the annual duck-stamp art contest sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. When judges named his painting of redheads the best of the flock, Anderson joined the elite ranks of duckmade millionaires.

Each year U.S. wildlife artists enter their own world series, where they can win big bucks for painting ducks.



Hatched in the 1930s, the duck stamp since has soared to fantastic heights, raising millions of dollars for wildlife, and bestowing prestige and riches on the artists who win the annual design contest. The duck-stamp contest has, in fact, become the most lucrative art competition anywhere. "It's the world series of wildlife painting," said Minnesota art dealer Bill Webster. "And virtually every artist has a chance to win."

In the dusty days of the 1930s, drought swept across the land, and hard

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times drove farmers to plant crops on every available acre. Millions of wetlands disappeared, and waterfowl numbers plummeted. In 1934, at the insistence of conservationist and political cartoonist Ding Darling, Congress moved to reverse that trend by passing the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act. The Duck Stamp Act, as it is commonly called, requires waterfowlers over the age of 16 to purchase special federal stamps for their hunting licenses. The proceeds are used to acquire waterfowl habitats.

UT before any stamps could be sold, someone had to create a painting. Darling did the first one — a pair of mallards — and for each of the next 14 years officials simply asked another noted artist to produce a design. In 1949, however, the USF&WS instituted a contest to select the painting for that year's stamp. Only eight artists entered that first competition, but the egg had been laid.

By 1981, contest administrators and judges found themselves buried beneath 2,100 paintings. Though a \$50 entry fee now eliminates most silly and eccentric entries, hundreds of artists participate in the contest each year.

The event has been no less colorful than the birds it serves. "We've had Daffy Ducks and goofy ducks and even one entry showing a swan with a trumpet behind it — a 'trumpeter' swan," recalled Pete Anastasi, former contest administrator. One entry featured a hunter sleeping in a blind with a duck sitting on his head. Another painting depicted a duck standing on a lake shore flapping its wings; one wing was exquisitely done, but the other consisted of a skeleton with a lone feather protruding from the end.

A few weeks before the 1975 contest, officials received a letter claiming that the event was rigged and predicting who would win. When the judges indeed gave the top award to the painting mentioned in the letter, a major scandal threatened to erupt. However, it was nothing more than a lucky guess.

One year, the winning painting was of geese standing in a field. Close inspection showed that the birds' wings were clipped and that corn lay around their feet. The artist had simply used tame geese as models, but the painting appeared to depict live decoys and bait being used to lure wild birds to hunters. Since both those techniques are illegal and unethical, authorities removed the

offending elements before sending the painting to the stamp engraver.

Officially, the winner receives only a sheet of stamps featuring his painting, but artists have learned to build huge nest eggs for themselves by selling thousands of prints of their winning entries. According to Webster, the duckstamp contest is worth at least a million dollars to the winning artist.

In 1934, about 650,000 stamps were purchased at \$1 each, and with wetlands selling for as little as 77 cents per acre, a lot of habitats came back to the birds' side of the ledger. Today, duckstamp sales annually raise more than \$14 million from hunters, stamp collec-

tors and conservation-minded people. The 53-year-old program has garnered \$313 million that has been used to preserve 3.7 million acres of wetlands and nesting habitats for waterfowl.

The price of the stamp has climbed from \$7.50 to \$10, but that only means more money for ducks. "Out of that \$10, no more than 26 cents will be spent on production costs." said Norma Opgrand, coordinator of the duck-stamp program. "The rest will all be used to acquire wildlife habitats."

Again this November the phone will ring in the studio of some lucky artist. The caller will have a million-dollar message about a duck.



Cinnamon Teal by Gerald Mobley

"We've had Daffy Ducks and goofy ducks, and even one entry showing a swan with a trumpet behind it."

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Fulvous Whistling by Burton Moore

# BATTLE OF THE SUBS

The Soviets
have far more
subs than the
United States.
But former Navy
Secretary John
Lehman defends
the Navy's
choice of quality
over quantity.

#### By Steve Salerno

S THE United States spending and relying too much on its nuclear submarines at the expense of conventional subs? Ask former Navy Secretary John Lehman for his assessment of the debate on nuclear vs. diesel submarines, and his reply is typically forthright:

"There's certainly no debate in the Navy or the Pentagon," he said. "We have stated and restated what everybody knows: Diesel-electric subs are very good for certain purposes, but they cannot replace nuclear subs. They just don't do what nuclear subs do."

Never one to pull punches, Lehman added, "Some people who know little about naval matters keep suggesting that diesel subs are an alternative to nuclear submarines. But it takes two

Steve Salerno is a California-based freelance journalist whose articles appear in a variety of America's most respected magazines. parties to debate, and we don't see anything to debate."

In spite of Lehman's words, a debate does exist, and like most disagreements between Congress and the Pentagon, it involves money. Some members of Congress question whether we are getting an adequate payback from our investment in a nuclear-powered armada, which includes aircraft carriers as well as submarines. Indeed, building nuclear submarines can be a nine-figure proposition. The new Seawolf class of supersubs, scheduled for deployment toward the end of the decade, may cost nearly \$1.6 billion apiece. Nuclear subs are complex affairs; each is essentially built to individual specifications. Years can go by before delivery takes place.

Diesel subs, on the other hand, are assembly-line projects. They are much cheaper to build, and most of the work can be farmed out to a ready pool of domestic and foreign jobbers that are experienced in the mass production of the vessels. Delivery is correspondingly quicker. At a time when the Pentagon has made no bones about the Soviets' vast numerical advantage, congressional critics wonder why a financially constrained Navy would want to wait twice as long for half as many ships.

The answer is the only meaningful criterion as far as Lehman and the Navy are concerned: performance at sea.

At one time, the Soviets deployed most of their subs in the Atlantic and Pacific. Now they are clustering an increasing number of ballistic-missile submarines back toward the polar ice cap. From beneath the arctic permafrost, remote as it sounds, the Soviets can unleash a staggering atomic blitz-krieg. A Russian submarine of the Typhoon class harbors 20 missiles, each of which is equipped with multiple, independently targeted warheads. In

theory, one submarine could singlehandedly wipe out all of America's great cities.

As the Navy sees it, it is impossible to overstate the importance of hunting down such subs.

Diesel subs are too noisy for that. "They're very good when they're on battery," Lehman acknowledged, but under high-speed operation, "they have to recharge about every three hours or so." Recharging necessitates rising near the surface to run the air-breathing diesel motors. The sophisticated sonar equipment that both sides commonly use can spot diesel subs as readily as if they were mammoth icebergs; in fact, this equipment is so sensitive that it can identify specific types of submarines by the sounds of their pumps and motors.

Our shortage of subs compared with the Soviets makes stealthy subs imperative. The Soviet Union currently outnumbers the United States 3-to-1 in naval attack subs (once called "U-boats") and more than 2-to-1 in ballistic-missile-bearing submarines. The gap is widening, too; the Kremlin's accelerated building schedule puts eight to 12 new subs in the water each year, compared with our four. In wartime, an American sub that is detected in the distant, icy reaches of the Barents Sea can count upon being quickly sur-

LASTS LONGER—Nuclear subs are harder to detect than diesel subs and can run for years without refueling.



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rounded by a bevy of Soviet attack subs. Moreover, although our sleek, single-hull-design subs are much quieter and more agile than the Soviet versions, we pay for those benefits in terms of ruggedness; their chances of surviving a direct hit are not as good as those of the double-hulled Soviet "water tanks." The result, according to one Navy source, is that "even if our sub takes one or two of their subs down with it, it's a losing game."

SIDE from the noise issue, diesel subs are not suited for the search-and-destroy missions that form the basis of America's "forward-deployment" naval game plan. They simply are not built for racing across foreign waters. Said Lehman, "Diesel subs are useless for moving with the carriers that operate at 30 knots, and they are useless for operations that require long transits—which are our primary naval operations."

The nuclear sub's great advantage in this area is its bountiful source of electrical energy. "You don't have to worry about stopping and charging batteries," explained Navy Lt. Cmdr. Bob Pritchard. "Instead of coming to the surface,

you can stay down," thus avoiding the inconvenience of having to surface and snorkel during a hot pursuit.

Pritchard added that because of the fuel requirements of their conventional motors, diesel submarines are rangelimited. "The fuel resources they have on board are finite," he said. "They have only a certain amount of diesel fuel." By contrast, nuclear submarines normally are refueled no more than once every seven years.

The Navy stressed that none of this is to be interpreted as a blanket condemnation of diesel vessels. "They're very effective for operations close to home," Lehman said. "There, you don't have to transit at speed, and you can stay on battery from one to three knots for more than 24 hours without having to surface." He pointed out that our current naval strategy relies on NATO's diesel submarines to provide coastal defense of Europe while most of our fleet chases the Soviet forces elsewhere.

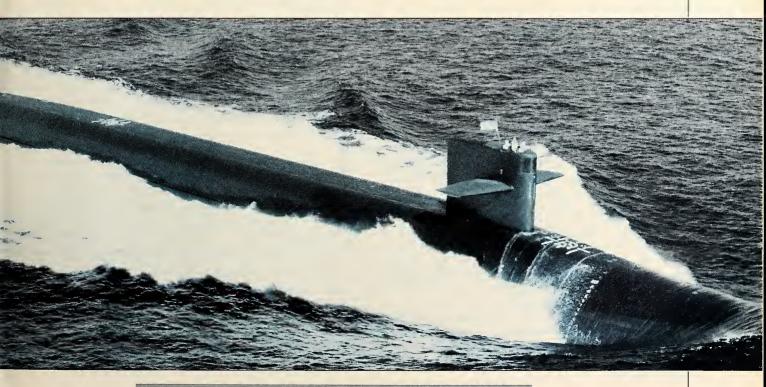
But in the final analysis, the issue is really one of values and priorities. Recognizing that we probably cannot win a war of numbers with the Soviets, the Navy's position in recent years has been to pursue quality at the expense of quan-



ENDURANCE—The Ohio-class ballisticmissile submarines have the speed to keep up with aircraft carriers.

tity. Noting the overwhelming Soviet edge in sheer numbers, Adm. Bruce Demars told a Senate subcommittee, "We've been able to maintain a reasonable margin of security against these odds only through the technical superiority of our submarines."

Another Navy source put it more simply: "All things considered, we would rather have 100 *Los Angeles*-class nuclear subs than 300 diesel subs."



**Leeping a promise** he made to numerous Legionnaires during his travels across the nation, Nat'l Cmdr. John P. "Jake" Comer has arranged for a POW/MIA open forum to be held Feb. 29 during the Washington Conference.

"Many Legionnaires, especially members of local POW/ MIA committees, told us that they feel they are being shortchanged or receiving lip service whenever they try to express their views on the issue to Washington officials," Comer said. "In fact, most of them said they would be willing to pay their own way to Washington if I could arrange a face-to-face meeting with those government officials who are responsible for resolving the POW/MIA matter."

Comer said that nearly every post he has visited prominently displayed a POW/MIA flag and an empty chair as graphic reminders that "the return of our POW/MIAs is a major concern of our members. Arranging for this forum is one way to show them that it is a major concern of the

national organization as well."

Among the officials invited to participate in the forum are: Richard T. Childress, director of Asian and Pacific affairs, National Security Council staff; Gen. John W. Vessey Jr., USA (Ret.), special POW/MIA emissary of the President; Brig. Gen. James W. Shufelt, deputy director of operations, plans and training, Defense Intelligence Agency; Richard L. Armitage, assistant secretary of defense, International Security Affairs; George L. Brooks, chairman, National League of POW/MIA Families; Albert J. Bland, national commander of American Ex-Prisoners of War; and Keith Baker, chairman, the American Legion Special POW/MIA Committee.

Comer said the forum will include discussions about POW/MIAs of World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

way the VA is treating radiation-exposed veterans has apparently paid off. On July 28, the House passed a bill to provide benefits to these veterans and their survivors. H.R. 1811, which has been sent to the Senate for further action, would recognize several diseases that the Legion has urged be considered service-connected for compensation purposes.

With the exception of chronic lymphatic leukemia, the diseases include all other forms of leukemia; thyroid cancer; bronchogenic carcinoma; pancreatic cancer; breast cancer; and cancers of the pharynx, esophagus, stomach, small intestine and colon. The bill, sponsored by Rep. J. Roy Rowland of Georgia, would require the VA to pay benefits to certain veterans exposed to radiation while in service if those veterans developed any of the aforementioned types of cancer within 30 years of exposure and suffered at least 10 percent disability as a result. Radiation exposure must have occurred as a result of nuclear testing from 1945 to 1963, or during the occupation of Japan before 1946.

The DoD estimates about 220,000 military personnel were exposed to low levels of radiation in atmospheric nuclear test explosions from 1945 to 1963, and in the military occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, where the United States dropped

atomic bombs.

So far the VA has denied disability claims for all but 28 of the nearly 6,000 veterans who claim to be suffering from cancer or other radiation-linked diseases. VA Administrator Thomas K. Turnage said the federal government opposed H.R. 1811 because the diseases are presumed — not proved — to be service-connected. VA officials also said the bill represents a radical departure from the principle that veterans' benefits should be directly connected to military service.

In earlier testimony before the House Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, a Legion spokesman told U.S. lawmakers that "veterans who were exposed to ionizing radiation while serving in the U.S. armed forces continue to find it exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, to receive favorable determination on their disability-compensation claims.

"It has been known for more than 40 years that exposure to ionizing radiation is dangerous to human health, yet nothing has been done to help veterans who were unknowingly exposed to high levels of radiation," the spokesman said. "So far as The American Legion is concerned, it is the U.S. government that has been neither responsible nor responsive to these veterans."

**Dranch-of-service inscriptions** for veterans' headstones and markers are now being provided by the VA at government expense. Until a recent policy change, multiple-branch inscriptions were permitted below the last line of the authorized inscription, but only at private expense.

In another change of policy, the VA is delivering all headstones and markers by private carrier. Headstones traditionally have been shipped by private carrier, but bronze markers now are being handled in the same manner. VA officials said that all requests for headstones and markers must include a street address because post-office box numbers cannot be used for shipping purposes.

A government headstone or marker is furnished to mark the graves of veterans and their dependents interred in national cemeteries and, upon request, to mark the graves of veterans interred in private cemeteries.

egislation to correct an oversight in provisions of the new GI Bill should have little trouble passing the House, according to Washington sources. The GI Bill, passed last June, inadvertently allows the government to keep money paid into a college-education fund by military men and women who were killed on active duty.

The Legion is joined by other veterans' organizations, as well as DoD officials and members of Congress, in supporting a change in the bill that would return the education contributions of deceased military men and women to their next of kin. Legion Res. 2, passed at this year's convention, supports the change.

"The U.S. Treasury should not benefit from the deaths of these soldiers," said Rep. Jim Slattery of Kansas. "It is an inequity created by Congress, and Congress must correct it."



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60-64	12,880	11,040	9,200	7,360	5,520	3,680	1,840	920
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## Legion Disagrees With CDC Decision On Agent Orange

**✓**HE Agent Orange Study by the Centers for Disease Control is dangerously close to being canceled. After two rocky years, CDC has decided that it cannot complete the study, saying that not enough soldiers were exposed to significant levels of the herbicide. The decision was based on a dioxin-validation study that compared the amounts of dioxin in the blood of more than 700 veterans-600 who served in Vietnam and 100 who served in other countries. The purpose of the study reportedly was to determine the usefulness of military records in estimating ground troops' exposure to Agent Orange.

The American Legion has criticized CDC's conclusion that the Agent Orange Study cannot be done. Legion officials have pointed out that the United States sprayed 10 million to 12 million gallons of Agent Orange over Vietnam—a country that is smaller than New Jersey. "Thus it is absurd to say that there are not enough people to study," a Legion spokesman said.

The Legion voiced its concern about the composition of the study more than a year ago. Among the veterans eliminated from consideration were those who served more than one tour in Vietnam, those who served in a unit for fewer than 180 days, persons above the rank of E-5 and those who transferred from one unit to another during their tours. The spokesman said about 83 percent of the original study subjects were disqualified based on the criteria set by CDC. "There is no doubt that many were heavily exposed to Agent Orange," he said.

Nat'l Cmdr. John P. "Jake" Comer said the Legion will continue to push for an Agent Orange Study. "It is the responsibility of the federal government to use all resources available to determine the effects of Agent Orange and then to adequately compensate those veterans who have incurred dis-

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OBSERVANCE—Nat'l Cmdr. John P. "Jake" Comer (second from left) salutes the nation's war veterans during the 34th annual Veterans Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. The event, which was accompanied by a storm that dumped 15 inches of snow on the Washington area, featured a wreath-laying ceremony that included President Reagan and other military and government leaders. The American Legion hosted the observance.

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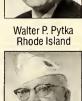
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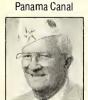


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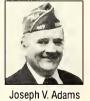
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**Q.** May a veteran name a minor child as the principal beneficiary of his NSLI policy?

Yes. If the beneficiary is still a minor at the time of the veteran's death, the VA will provide assistance in supervising the payment of proceeds.

My grandfather was a patient in a VA nursing home. He recently passed away, and we are applying for burial benefits. Can we claim transportation expenses?

Transportation costs of remains are authorized when the veteran dies in a VA medical facility.

**Q.** My husband is a WWI veteran who is not eligible for VA pension benefits because of income standards. Is he eligible for VA outpatient treatment?

Yes. A WWI veteran may be provided VA outpatient treatment for any condition even though he is not receiving VA pension benefits.

**Q.** I receive service-connected disability compensation based on a rating of 30 percent. I just got married. Can I receive additional funds for my wife?

Yes. Veterans whose service-connected disabilities are rated at 30 percent or more are entitled to additional allowances for dependents.

I am enrolled in a vocational program in school and receive education benefits under the GI Bill. I have recently experienced problems in receiving my VA checks on the first of each month. Will my checks continue to be late every month?

The VA recently changed from quarterly to monthly certification

for non-college-degree students. Under quarterly certification, students usually received checks on the first of each month. With the monthly format, veterans and eligible dependents will typically receive their checks sometime between the 15th and 25th of each month, instead of at the beginning of the month.

Is there a time limit on filing for reimbursement of the cost of a non-government headstone placed in a private cemetery?

Yes. The claim must be filed within two years of either the date of burial or the date of purchase of a privately purchased headstone or marker.

**Q.** My husband was cremated, and his ashes were scattered without interment of any portion of the ashes. May I still obtain a memorial marker for him?

Yes. The memorial may be erected in a private cemetery or memorial section of a national cemetery.

My spouse is retired from the armed forces and rated 100 percent by the VA for service-connected disabilities. Do I have the option of choosing Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) or Civilian Health and Medical Program of the VA (CHAMPVA) coverage?

No. If your spouse retired from the armed forces, you must apply for CHAMPUS.

I am a veteran who would like to start a small business. How can I obtain a VA small-business loan?

The VA does not have a small-business-loan program. The Small Business Administration has programs to assist veterans in obtaining small-business loans. In each SBA field office there is a veterans-affairs officer to assist veterans. Check the U.S. government section of your local phone book for the address of the nearest SBA office.

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car has been in a major accident, have a body shop check it for a bent frame. Also check rocker panels, the headlight area and the metal around side trimall areas where rust first appears—to spot bubbling or pitting and to make sure the metal underneath is sound.

Before taking a car for a road test. check the brakes and steering with the engine off. Turn the steering wheel slowly back and forth. More than two inches of play is unsafe. Step hard on the brakes. If the pedal sinks slowly, there's a leak in the hydraulic system.

Have someone race the engine while you watch the exhaust pipe. Black smoke usually means a badly adjusted carburetor, but blue smoke could mean burning oil and a major expense ahead. A lot of white smoke may mean water in the combustion chamber, or a cracked block or head. If the engine idles extremely fast, it may have been set up to disguise irregular operation or noises. Have the idle reset and listen closely. A regular clicking may mean the lifters need cleaning.

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While the engine is still warm, check beneath the car for fluid leaks and the back of the wheels for leaking brake fluid.

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Two other CDC studies, the Experience Study and the Selected Cancers Study, are continuing without interruption. The Experience Study is investigating the long-term health effects of military service in Vietnam. Information is being gathered from Vietnam veterans and from those who served during the same years in other countries. The results are expected to be released in September 1988.

The Selected Cancers Study is a case-control study to determine the incidence of lymphoma, soft-tissue sarcoma, nasal and nasopharyngeal cancer, and primary liver cancer. Because of the infrequency of these diseases, the CDC is studying two groups of people, each comprised of veterans and non-veterans whose dates of birth indicate that they could have served in Vietnam. Results of the study, which is scheduled to continue through 1989, may indicate significant differences in risk factors, especially for those who served in Vietnam.

#### Key Positions Filled On National Staff





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OHN F. Sommer Jr. and Joseph J. Hovish have been appointed to key positions on The American Legion national staff. Sommer became director of the VA & R Division upon the retirement of Robert E. Lyngh last month. Hovish took over as national librarian when Thomas V. Hull retired in October.

Sommer was deputy director of the Washington-based division since 1982. He joined the national staff in 1974, after serving three years as director of Rehabilitation and Services for the Department of Ohio.

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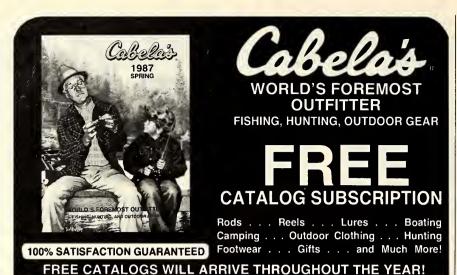
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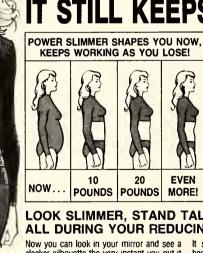
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tion With A Future" drive, the number and size of future CWF grants can be expected to increase. At press time, more than \$50,000 already had been collected for the foundation.

"Much of the credit for the fantastic early start belongs to the Regional Action Teams," Comer said. About 50 Legionnaires and members of the Auxiliary and of Eight and Forty are members of RATs, one team for each of the eight regions. "Since RATs were established three years ago, contributions to the foundation have tripled. Before the RATs, we averaged \$300 a week in contributions; now the weekly average is \$1,000."

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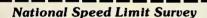
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carried him onto the launch. A Border Patrol agent remembered that Medvid lay on the launch deck, exhausted and crying, but no longer fighting."

At the Konev, said the report, "the Soviet crewmen carried Medvid up the gangway, with Medvid again resisting somewhat."

It was now about 2 a.m., and the struggle had lasted nearly an hour. The three Americans involved later told the CSCE interviewers that they felt sympathy for the Ukrainian. One agent said he was heartsick and very depressed about his part in forcing Medvid back to his ship.

The story didn't end there, however. As news of the incident circulated and media swarmed to the scene, the public reacted with a storm of indignation. INS officials, U.S. Customs agents and Coast Guard officers mounted a belated effort to regain custody of Medvid so he could be questioned in a non-threatening environment. The following afternoon, three Border Patrol agents went aboard the Konev with instructions to remove Medvid. They found him under guard in the ship's one-room sickbay, bound hand and foot, and heavily drugged. The Konev's doctor later identified the drugs as two antipsychosis drugs used in the Soviet Union to treat schizophrenia, plus a painkiller. Medvid also had a bandaged right arm.

The ship's captain, Rionges Tkachenko, told the Americans that Medvid had been "irrational" and had cut himself with a broken light bulb. After first barring the way, Tkachenko finally relented and let the U.S. agents see Medvid as he lay unconscious in bed, but he adamantly refused to allow them to transfer Medvid ashore. As tensions mounted, the Soviets tried to hassle the Americans into leaving the ship, at one point confining them to a small cabin area, shutting off the heat, removing beds and even dismantling the toilet seats.

Meantime, the INS issued orders that the Marshal Konev would not be allowed to depart unless Medvid was handed over. With the State Department now coordinating operations in cooperation with the White House, the National Security Council, the Justice Department and other federal agencies, three Coast Guard cutters were dis-

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patched to the scene. A Border Patrol tactical team also was brought in, and plans were laid to storm the Soviet vessel in a surprise, predawn raid. Peripherally involved in the planned operation were the New Orleans Harbor Police, the Plaguemines Parish sheriff's office, the Louisiana Air National Guard and the U.S. Naval Air Station at Belle Chasse, Planners took note of customs forms revealing that the Koney was carrying three hunting rifles and 10,000 rounds of ammunition, and at least one handgun was reported on board. Recalling their alarm, three observers told the CSCE investigators it seemed that World War III was about to start.

Actually, the incident was developing into a diplomatic showdown. By the end of the third day, teams of negotiators from both the State Department and the Soviet embassy, armed with bulging briefcases and accompanied by translators, were aboard the Marshal Konev. Heading the U.S. team was Louis Sell, the State Department's Soviet-affairs-desk officer. Directing the Soviet side was Igor P. Bondin, the embassy's first secretary and consul. In Washington, President Reagan was consulted on all major decisions; the Soviet ambassador Anatoly Dobrinyin relayed instructions from his embassy, presumably after checking with the Kremlin.

Blustering and bluffing, Bondin repeatedly tried to get the Americans to give up and get off the Konev, but Sell stood his ground. The Soviets finally "blinked" and agreed to let Medvid leave the ship, accompanied by Bondin and other Soviets, for an interview with U.S. authorities aboard the Coast Guard cutter Salvia, anchored nearby.

The hopes of the fourth day soon faded. As the questioning began, Medvid, appearing to be nervous and somewhat disoriented, suffered an attack of nausea and went to the Salvia's sickbay to recover — with U.S. and Soviet doctors watching the patient and each other. When the meeting resumed, Medvid told a bizarre story of having "accidentally" fallen off his ship while repairing some deck lights. He also denied any knowledge of what had happened on shore, including his plea for asylum.

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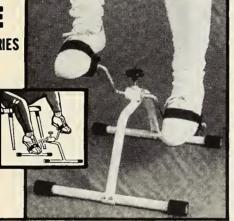
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remain in the United States, Medvid paused for a long two minutes before saying, "You know, there is a very interesting Russian proverb: It is nice everywhere, but it is best at home.' Other questions produced only more evasive answers.

According to Sell and State Department interpreter Ross Lavroff, Medvid kept winking at the Americans as he talked. To Lavroff, it seemed that the Ukrainian was trying to signal that all his talk was "just a game," and that in the presence of the Soviet officials, Medvid "could not say what he really wanted to say.'

Frustrated, the Americans decided that Medvid needed more rest, and overnight accommodations were arranged for both negotiating teams at the U.S. naval base in nearby Algiers. Bondin angrily objected, cursing the Americans and warning that his government would file a formal protest unless Medvid was released immediately. "The Soviet citizen will return to the Soviet vessel tonight!" he shouted. "That," replied Sell, "will not happen." Earlier, President Reagan had approved "using force if necessary" to retain custody of Medvid.

After more heated exchanges, Sell gave Bondin two minutes to go along or return to the Konev without Medvid. He then opened a wardroom door, revealing a four-man Border Patrol tactical team standing ready in an adjoining passageway. The Soviet negotiator got the message, and the two sides proceeded to the naval base without further incident.

The fifth day began and ended with bitter disappointment. Questioned by several professional experts, including Dr. William Hunt, an Air Force psychiatrist, Medvid grew impatient, then hostile, denouncing the Americans and demanding to be returned to his ship. At one point, Lavroff heard Medvid ask the Soviet negotiators, "Well, should I stop beating them up now?" By "them," he obviously meant the Americans.

It was a clue to Medvid's dramatic change in behavior. As Sell told CSCE investigators, Medvid seemed to be keenly aware that the longer the controversy continued, the more severe would be his potential punishment at Soviet hands. More important, Sell

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said, "Medvid appeared to be fearful that his defection could cause harm to his family back home.'

Deciding reluctantly that nothing more could be done, U.S. officials released the seaman to the Soviets after obtaining Medvid's signed "statement of intent." At 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 29. Medvid boarded the Marshal Konev for the last time. In Washington, the State Department announced, "The case is closed."

Not on Capitol Hill, however. A number of senators, described as being "mad as hell," launched an 11th-hour bid to prevent Medvid's "deportation" so that, in their words, he would have "more time to decompress." Jesse Helms, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, signed a subpoena for Medvid's appearance before the committee, calling it "essential to obtain a balanced view of the facts in the case." It was Nov. 7 — day 14 in the ordeal of Miroslav Medvid.

Committee staffers Terry Wear and David Sullivan flew immediately to New Orleans; at 10:30 p.m., they went aboard the Soviet freighter to serve the subpoena. Their request to see Medvid was denied, however, and Captain Tkachenko refused to accept the subpoena on Medvid's behalf, insisting that the Americans await the arrival of a Soviet embassy official.

Returning the next morning, Wear and Sullivan were met at the ship's gangway by Yevgeniy Vtyurin, the Soviet embassy's second secretary, identified also as a former Olympic athlete and suspected KGB agent. Vtyurin refused to accept the subpoena or to allow the Americans on board. Later, however, at a meeting on shore, the Americans presented Tkachenko with a carton of cigarettes as a "goingaway gift." Hidden inside were copies of the Medvid subpoena.

"Wear and Sullivan were jubilant," said the CSCE account, "believing that Customs would now detain the Konev until Medvid was produced. They were as yet unaware of decisions in Washington to refrain from enforcement actions regarding the subpoena."

On Nov. 9, as Coast Guard vessels turned away a small boat carrying signs saying "STOP" (for "Save the Oppressed People"), the Marshal Konev departed for the Soviet Union with a cargo of American grain and a Ukrainian seaman named Miroslav Medvid.

The CSCE found no evidence of high-level U.S.-Soviet collusion in the case, as some rumors had alleged. Nor was there any evidence that the Soviets had switched Medvid for an impostor after the seaman's forcible return to his ship. But the commission's investigators concluded that "White House, National Security and Justice Department officials deviated from constitutionally and congressionally mandated procedures," adding that "this failure...constitutes a violation of law." It determined that State Department officers had "acted outside their jurisdiction" in taking over the case from the Justice Department, which, under the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, has "the main responsibility for immigration and specifically for asylum matters."

The Border Patrol was accused of "carelessness and poor judgment" in returning Medvid to the Soviet ship and in allowing him "to remain on board far too long." U.S. medical authorities were faulted for not administering urine and blood tests to the would-be defector in order to make "a more technically accurate diagnosis of residual drug effects." The report said that in disregarding the Senate Agriculture Committee's subpoena for Medvid's appearance, federal officials "ignored their own regulations and violated current law."

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According to Laura Dietrich, then deputy assistant secretary of state for human rights and humanitarian affairs, the Medvid affair was an aberration. In more than three years of handling about 25,000 asylum cases a year, she told immigration officials, she had not once dealt with a situation like that one.

In reviewing other problems involving Soviet and Soviet-bloc defectors in recent years, the CSCE cited only one case as egregious as Medvid's. It involved the attempted defection of a Lithuanian seaman, Simas Kudirka, on Nov. 23, 1970. While his Soviet fishing trawler was moored alongside the Coast Guard cutter Vigilant off Martha's Vineyard to discuss trawling limits, Kudirka leaped aboard the American vessel and requested asylum. After a series of often-incoherent radio and telephone conversations with Coast Guard headquarters and the State Department's Soviet desk in Washington, Soviet crewmen were allowed to board the Vigilant, where they bound, gagged and beat Kudirka before dragging him back aboard the Russian trawler — all while the Americans looked on.

Back in the Soviet Union, Kudirka served a four-year prison sentence for "treason," after which Soviet authorities, responding to appeals from the West, allowed him to emigrate to the United States with his family.

In December 1986, the CSCE investigators asked to interview Medvid as part of their report. Two months later, a Soviet official announced that the seaman had married, moved to another location and wanted to "avoid any undue attention."

Since the Medvid failure, INS people have been alerted to follow asylum rules and procedures with utmost care, said Verne Jervis, the service's public information director. As for the asylum process itself, he added, "We agree with the need for closer coordination of all government departments and agencies involved. We also concur with the CSCE's recommendation that every effort must be made to provide wouldbe defectors with a secure and nonthreatening environment in which to make their decision.'

The Medvid failure may have momentarily tarnished America's image as protector of the weak and oppressed. But there was a positive side. Though it came too late for the Ukrainian seaman, rarely in history had so many people tried so hard to win freedom for a single person.

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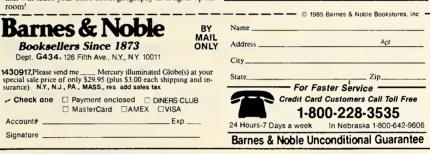
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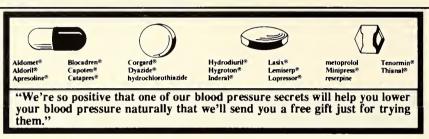
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#### STRATEGIC BASES

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influence. Moreover, Soviet forces can reach the Persian Gulf region far more quickly from Pacific bases than from Siberian bases.

It is clear that U.S. access to adequate bases in the South China Sea is crucial to U.S. and Western security. The future, however, is clouded by continuing political travail in the Philippines, which forces the United States to consider alternative bases. Two have been mentioned: Guam and the Palau Islands.

Guam has the advantage of being American territory, but it is 2,000 miles east of the Philippines. This means five days' steaming time one way, which in turn would mean slow response during a crisis, along with significant logistical difficulties.

Guam's main harbor, Apra, is tiny and cannot comfortably accommodate aircraft carriers or battleships. Repair facilities are limited, and the trained work force is miniscule compared with the demands of a major fleet base. Adequate airfields could be built, but transport aircraft could not fly nonstop from Guam to Diego Garcia.

The Palau Islands, with Malakal Harbor on the main island of Babelthuap, would be only a modest strategic improvement over Guam. The main island lies 1,000 miles east of the Philippines. It has no significant marine facilities; construction and manning of a naval base, including ship-repair facilities, would have to start from scratch. Neither suitable airfields nor a trained labor force of any kind exist. And troublesome political barriers haunt this alternative.

Altogether, the only recourse to the loss of Subic and Clark would be a U.S. fallback to Japan, which already is overloaded, or to Guam and Hawaii. These options are further burdened with political and strategic baggage.

The inescapable conclusion is that the United States must retain Clark and Subic. They are essential to maintaining strong American influence throughout Southeast Asia, and no reasonable alternatives exist. If U.S. and Free-World interests are to be preserved in this area, continued use of these bases is vital.

Rear Adm. Robert J. Hanks, USN (Ret.), is a Southeast Asian expert and author of The Pacific Far East: Endangered American Strategic Position.

# THE PHILIPPINES

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served a political purpose. But it was not economically viable; it alienated even the small landowners; and it showed little awareness of the implications of breaking up the large, efficient agriculture enterprises.

The vital issue of land reform is too complex to be discussed in summary fashion. Let me say that land should be made available to those landless people who want to be farmers. This can be accomplished largely by using government-owned, sequestered or idle tracts. The situation is different in each of the various provinces, and any law must take this into account. Finally, a successful program requires more than distribution of land. The government must provide credits for tools, fertilizers and seeds; technical assistance; and cooperative arrangements—all the things that made possible the agricultural miracle in Taiwan in the '50s. I hope that the ultimate legislation will reflect these essentials.

**Q.** Didn't Aquino recently order police to destroy the barricades erected by striking workers, thus reopening many factories?

Yes. The police did take down the barricades, and Labor Secretary Drillon ordered workers to negotiate with management.

This event demonstrates that while the communist unions will test the government, they will back off when they are confronted by force. It remains to be seen whether the government can sustain its firmness, for the communists will test it again. As Lenin said, "Two steps forward, one back."

# **1.** Is there any danger of the United States losing its military bases at Clark Air Base and Subic Bay?

The Philippine government will honor the current base agreement, which runs until 1991. The new constitution stipulates that any extension of base rights must be approved by two-thirds of the Philippine Senate and, if the senate so decides, by a majority vote in a national referendum. While it is too early to gauge the mood of the Philippine Senate, it appears that half of the senators are now opposed to base extension, and an equal number want to make the Philippines a nuclear-free zone. Aquino has yet to declare her position.

However important the bases are to

the United States and to the Free-World nations in East Asia, stabilizing the Philippines is much more important. I believe that the future of the bases will be ensured if the internal threats to the Philippines can be eliminated.

# **Q.** What should the United States do to help the Philippines?

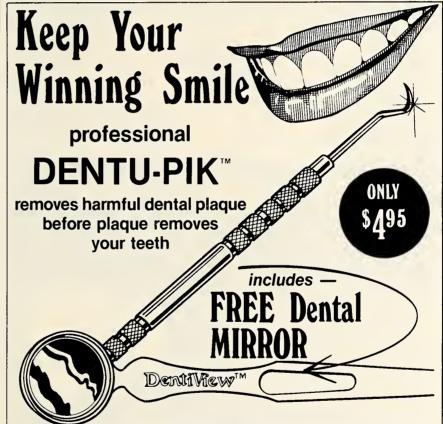
Our primary objective must be to help the Philippine government achieve domestic security and gain the confidence of its people. The Philippine ship of state cannot long proceed without a firm hand on the tiller.

The United States must persuade the Philippine government to take whatever measures are necessary to deal with its gravest danger; this means developing and mounting a comprehensive campaign against the communist insurgency. Among other things, order must be restored in the military ranks, and key military deficiencies must be addressed. If democracy is to survive in the Philippines, its president must have a strong and loyal military.

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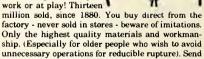




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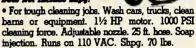
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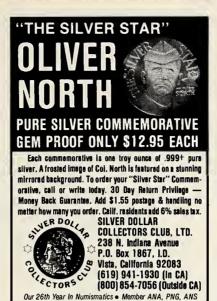


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# Sizing Up The Situation

The Coast Guard received a frantic call for assistance: "Help! Help! We're in the water!"

"Capsize?" the radio man asked.

There was a short silence. Then the voice replied, "Seven and an eighth."

-Kris Lee

### Will Power

Strength: the ability to break a chocolate bar into four pieces with your bare hands . . . and eat just one of the pieces.

-Mary Eyged

# **Humble Pie**

Veteran employee to newcomer: "You'll do fine as soon as you learn to think of crow as one of the basic food groups."

-Ivern Ball

# **One-stop Service**

The Internal Revenue Service can be very accommodating. An IRS agent called one man in for an audit, and when it was over, the agent told him, "I'll call a cab for you."

"No, thanks," the man said. "I have my car parked downstairs.'

"What car?" the agent replied.

— Addie Warner

### **Marathon Man**

It isn't running into debt that's so rough—it's running into your creditors. -Thomas LaMance

# **Second Opinion**

Looking down at the sick man, the doctor decided to tell him the truth. "I feel I should tell you that you are very sick," the doctor said. "I'm sure that you would want to know the facts. Now, is there anyone you would like to see?"

Bending down, the doctor heard him feebly answer, "Yes."
"Who is it?"

In a slightly stronger voice, the sufferer answered, "Another doctor."

-T.R. Lawrence

# **Heavy Metal**

Remember, nothing you put in that chocolate-cream pie is as fattening as a dinner fork.

-Lloyd Byers

# Last Resort

The neighbors were discussing how they had met their husbands. Said one with a deep sigh, "I met Howard at a travel agency. I was looking for a vacation - and he was the last resort.

-Marjorie Brooks

# **Election Bored**

Politicians often leave us with our mouths wide open. One day, we're startled. The next day, we're yawning.

-Gil Stern

# **Working Mother**

In a small mountain town, a man appeared in the doctor's office early one morning. He asked the nurse whether she and the doctor would come right out to his ranch, where his wife was having a baby.

The nurse called the doctor at his home and briefed him. "Ask the man how long his wife has been in labor,' the doctor said.

The nurse did, and got a quick answer: "Tell Doc she's worked all her life."

—Tom Taylor

### Aging Gracefully

Diplomat: a husband who makes sure that his wife's birthday cake is short one candle.

-Homer Phillips

# Helpful Advice

Sign in waiting room of weightcontrol clinic: "Lord, help those who keep helping themselves.'

—Joni Cagle



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